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100 Gather For Candlelight Vigil...

## Town Remembers Lisa...

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Some came on foot; some came in baby carriages; some drove in cars from all over town. The trickle that began flowing into Veterans Green in Agawam Center swelled to an outpouring of support for family and friends gathered to remember and mourn yet another child, sister, and friend gone too soon.

The sunny and brisk afternoon gradually turned raw and bleak; the wind once again played havoc with the candles lit in memory of the sparkling, shining light that had been Lisa Ziegert, who was murdered four years ago to the day.

It was a fitting backdrop for a mother's heart-wrenching memories of her slain daughter and her pleas for people to keep talking about the case until the killer is brought to justice.

Dianne "Dee" Ziegert recalled her daughter's smile, her sparkling blue eyes, her warmth and compassion, and her love of music and dancing, asking that everyone remember and celebrate the joy Lisa brought to their lives.

"We come together to remember Lisa's life and the love she so freely gave," Mrs. Ziegert said. "But, we must remember we wouldn't be here if someone hadn't taken her life as if it meant nothing. Her life meant something to a great many people. We won't give up. We'll never give up. Please help us to give Lisa the justice she deserves."

Invoking a memory of Lisa with her Sunday School class, the Reverend Deacon James Martone led the crowd of about 100 people as they joined hands to recite "The Lord's Prayer."

At this fourth remembrance of the 24 year-old teacher's brutal murder, as in the past, music stirred the emotions bravely held in check. After Todd Rovelli's rendition of "In My Life," Mayor Christopher C. Johnson asked that the sad faces be replaced with smiles as the purpose of the vigil was to remember "the joy Lisa brought to our lives and our community."

Southwick folksinger Annie Fogg performed "Lisa's Song," inspired by accounts of "another unsolved mystery ... while someone is out there walking free," and Rovelli teamed with Debbie Macey Taylor on the achingly apt "One Sweet Day."

### A Poem From Lisa's Students...

Representing the Middle School where Lisa worked as a teacher's aide, Barbara Connery read from a poem written by Lisa's students struggling to come to terms with her death four years ago. The children recalled that Miss Ziegert always saw the good and not the bad: "Be kind to each other Miss Ziegert would say / Find something special to say to someone each day."

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AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF Robert Campbell and Sergeant Steven Draghetti welcome the first incoming class of the Agawam Police Civilian Academy at Police Headquarters earlier this month. The number one concern of members of the class was burglary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Police Holds First Classes For Civilians

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

They are a cross-section of the community by design. With ages spanning five decades and occupations as varied, the eight women and seven men of the first Agawam Police Department Civilian Academy represent as many segments of the community as Sergeant Steven Draghetti could cull from the 32 applications.

Included in the group are one Town Councilor, a home/school adjustment counselor, a small business owner, a machinist, and an insurance loss control adjuster.

As a group, they generally feel satisfied with the performance of the Police Department and most reported feeling reasonably safe in Agawam.

Their number-one concern is burglary, followed by alcohol, and drug use and abuse.

In welcoming the academy members, Police Chief Robert Campbell joked that they would need their sneakers and PT gear to keep up with the activities planned over the 10 weeks of the academy.

Campbell said the civilian academy was the latest step in the community policing initiatives he began when taking over as the police chief nearly two years ago.

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DIANNE "DEE" ZIEGERT addresses the gathering at a candlelight vigil on the Veterans Green on Monday evening, April 15th, marking the fourth anniversary of the murder of her daughter, Lisa Ziegert. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Debra Macey Taylor and Todd Rovelli sing a duet to close Monday's candlelight vigil. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





**SINGER ANNIE FOGG** sings "Lisa's Song" at a candlelight vigil on Monday, April 15th on the Veterans Green in Agawam Center. Over 100 people attended. This marked the fourth anniversary of the murder of Lisa Ziegert. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, some of those who attended hold their candles during the ceremonies. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

#### LISA ZIEGERT - from Page 1...

Johnson said solving the Ziegert case is the Police Department's number-one priority. The police are committed to solving the case and think it is solvable, Johnson said.

Shelley Borgatti Reed, who has organized the vigils and the white ribbon campaign to keep Lisa's memory alive, urged people to talk about Lisa and to listen when others are talking.

"Someone may say something that will be the one little piece they (the police) will need to solve this," Ms. Borgatti Reed said. "We are convinced

somebody out there knows something."

During the last year, Mrs. Ziegert said she and her husband have drawn strength from joining the Daniel A. Larson Foundation, a support group for the families of murder victims. Attending the candlelight vigil were George and Lois Ann Maharne. Their daughter, Erina J. Maharne, was found murdered in her Agawam apartment last August. The killing remains unsolved.

Lisa Ziegert was last seen working at a card shop on Walnut Street Extension on the evening of April 15, 1992. Her body was discovered in a wooded area off Route 75 on Easter Sunday, four days later.

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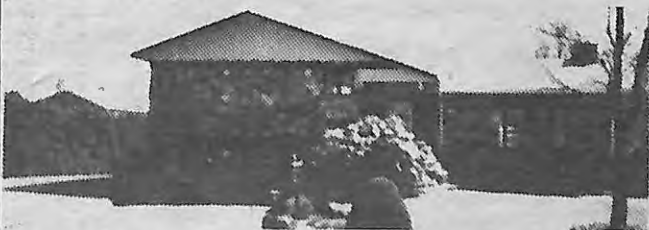


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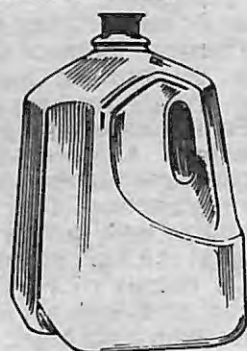
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## Guest Editorial...

## Passage Of Bill In Senate Will Help Vets

by Ruth Blitzas  
Director, Veterans' Services  
(Western Hampden District)

One of the key bills this session is Senate 1999, which provides certain public employees credible retirement service time for active service in the armed forces. As a member of the Legislative Committee for the Mass. Veterans' Agent Association, our committee has been watching the bill closely.

Senate 1999 has been in the House Ways and Means, where it was amended and passed with provisions contained in the amendment, House 5925.

It provides that veterans vested in service of a retirement system ... "shall be entitled to credit for active service in the armed forces of the United States; provided, however, that such active service shall not be credited until such member has paid into the annuity savings fund of such

system, in one sum or in installments ... makeup payments of an amount equal to the 10 percent of the regular annual compensation of the member when said member entered the retirement system; ... not to be construed to include service for more than four years."

Included in eligibility will be National Guard and Active Reserve personnel, both former and present; in cities and towns, retirement system vested members who are veterans.

Senate 1999 will take effect upon a majority vote of the board of such system and by the local legislative body. Local legislative body means Town Meeting for a town; City Council subject to the provisions of its charter for a city system; County Commissioners for a county system, district members for a district system, and governing body of an authority for an authority system.

Veterans may make application for creditable service within 180 days of being notified by the retirement board of their eligibility.

As Director Agent for the Western Hampden District veterans in the towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, and Tolland, I wish to express our deep appreciation to Senator Linda J. Melconian. Based on her motion to suspend the rules, the House Amendment was considered and adopted forthwith.

Both Senator Melconian and State Representative Dan Keenan supported this bill and all positive legislation for veterans, and our veterans appreciate their help.

For copies of Senate 1999, contact Sen. Melconian, Rep. Keenan, or Veterans' Services, Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.



## Agawam's Band Students Deserve Recognition

### To The Editor:

If you missed the Lisa Ziegert Scholarship Concert at the Agawam High School last week, you missed an outstanding performance by the Concert Band. The week before that, every band in Agawam earned a Silver Medal at the MICA festival. Agawam should be proud of the band program in our schools that nourishes the talent of these young musicians and composers.

As the Vice-President of the Band Parents, I would like to thank the business community for their support of this fine program. We are still raising funds to pay our transportation bills for the year.

Once again, the businesses of Agawam have been more than generous with donations for our Auction on April 26th. (We are still accepting donations of any kind. They can be dropped off at the High School Band Room on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. or in the High School Cafeteria the night of the Auction.) Without your support, the music program would not be the quality program that serves so many kids as well. THANKS!

Too many times we read only of problems with teenagers. Here in Agawam we have some dedicated, hard-working, and talented students working together toward a common goal. They need and deserve our support and our recognition when they are doing positive things.

If you would like to see the Agawam Bands, it's not too late. Watch for press releases about the upcoming Band Time and Bop and Pop Concerts this spring.

Please come and see for yourself the talent of our young people in action.

Bonnie Krapf  
1st Vice-President  
Agawam Band Parents

## Future Teachers Assoc. Seeks Support For Blood Drive

### To The Editor:

#### Dear Agawam Citizens:

The need for blood donors is rapidly increasing. Even in our town, there are children and adults who greatly need our help.

For a number of years now, the Agawam Future Teachers Association and the American Red Cross have teamed up and held a blood drive at the high school. Over the years, we've done considerably well, but the need is becoming too great for just the high school students and the faculty.

On behalf of the Future Teachers, the Red Cross, and Agawam High, I invite anyone 17 and older, with a big heart, to come and help us not only beat last year's record of 55 pints, but also save lives. With your help, I'm sure we could even beat West Springfield's record of over 75 pints.

The Blood Drive will be held on April 26th in the High School Gym from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Stop in any time!

Donating blood is a "feel good" gift we all can give. Please help us save the lives of very special people!

THANK YOU!!!

Sincerely,  
AnnMarie Bianca and the rest  
of the Future Teachers

## Agawam Is Fortunate To Have Opportunity For Power Plant

### To The Editor:

I have been an Agawam taxpayer and property owner all my life. I have seen many projects come into Agawam, some I didn't think too highly of. But if I thought they were good for the town, I gave up my individual thinking.

You have a handful of individuals who are strongly opposed to the Berkshire Power project, only because of their own thoughts—not because of what is good for Agawam and stabilizing the tax rate in town.

This group of individuals knew they were buying homes next to the industrial park and have to expect there are going to be businesses moving in. Because of the power plant, they are strongly opposed. They also were against Responsive Trucking Co. moving into the industrial park.

Many of this group have been in town less than 10 years; one person less than three years, and he is very vocal on this matter. WMECO owns a large parcel of land with the intent stated to possibly expand next door to the proposed site.

The opposition has a 70-foot folder which I had the chance to look over. One of the two individuals involved mostly in putting this together says it would take two hours to go through this properly.

Isn't there a better place to express this than at a citizen's speak, where you are allowed five minutes' time to get up and talk. Their feelings are hurt if they don't get 15 minutes each in time.

I have an 18-foot issue sheet which will tie up little time. Eighteen power plants within a 150-mile radius of Agawam.

Pittsfield - within 1,000 feet of an elementary school.

Providence - within 1,200 feet of R.I. Hospital Woman's & Infant Hospital.

Ithaca, N.Y. - 300 MW coal plant with residence within 1,000 feet.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, April 22nd  
Annual mtg. of Agawam Women's Club  
At The Hofbrauhaus, 1105 Main  
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Thursday, April 25th  
Meeting of Agawam/West Side  
Toastmasters Club  
At Country Estates Nursing & Rehab Ctr.  
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7:00 p.m.  
Call 789-1366 for more information

Friday, May 3rd  
Performance by Senior Bell Choir of  
Branford, CT ("First Friday Series"  
sponsored by Ag. Cultural Council)  
At Agawam Public Library  
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Saturday, May 4th  
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**Millford** - apartment complex within 1,200 feet; new subdivision less than 1,000 feet.  
**Dartmouth** - within 2,000 feet of public picnic grove; homes within 1,000 feet.  
**Somerset** - homes adjacent and school within 1,000 feet.  
**Millbury** - homes within 1,000 feet.  
**Brandeis** - on campus adjacent to dorms and health center.  
**Salem** - homes and schools across the street.  
**Northfield Mtn.** - TOURIST SPOT, education field trips taken by many schools.  
**Boston Edison Nuclear Plant** - expensive waterfront homes within 1,500 feet.  
**Bellingham Cogeneration Plant** - homes and new subdivision, less than 1,000 feet.  
**West Springfield Rte. 5** - natural gas, oil back up, commercial businesses within a few hundred feet.  
**Holyoke/Mt. Tom** - coal plant.  
**Holyoke/Cabot St.** - oil back up natural gas.  
**Ludlow/MMWEC** - natural gas/oil.  
**Springfield/Masspower** - which is located at Monsanto natural gas/oil.

All these plants have not caused health problems in the location where they are. In the location where these plants are located, the surrounding real estate has not gone down. In fact, in many places the value of real estate has actually risen.

## WATER ISSUE

Opponents say this plant will use as much water as a community of 30,000 people. That is a very big statement to make.

Did you know that if the Quabbin Reservoir saw no rain, nothing as far as moisture, for a two-year period, we still would have water. We are very fortunate to be in a situation like that here; the well cannot dry up as easily as some might think.

There are regulations and laws to govern hazardous chemicals, fogging and icing, noise conditions, pollution, etc. The plants that I have mentioned have none of these problems—no deaths, sickness, etc.

In the near future, you will pick where to buy your electric, gas, and even cable T.V. The prices will go down for your utilities because of plants like Berkshire Power. The money the town will receive will keep your taxes in line.

Please look beyond your nose and just use a little common sense. Agawam is very fortunate to have an opportunity like this.

Paul Kerr  
Feeding Hills

## Power Plant Dialogue Is Indeed Ugly

### To The Editor:

While I can well understand whatsoever may prompt a call for the "moratorium" so many have now proposed re: all further discussion of that Big, Fat, Hairy BAD IDEA now dividing our community, no "moratorium" on the subject is likely to point us - as a community - to the Source or Solution, of or to, the many concerns of city residents now fueling our descent.

I do salute the call, and understand the rationale behind it, but if we were to confuse a "moratorium" on debate over the power plant with a community prescribed gag rule on all issues at work in thrusting said debate to the forefront on increasingly dysfunctional Olde Town Politics, then we would be quite unable to substitute for that, on which all that may be said has been already said, the various related issues raised which we still ignore.

Permit me, then, to propose an alternative to the "moratorium" well in keeping with its spirit, that would allow this Town to finally deal with all of the major concerns that have been underlying this debate. I believe it is the purpose of proposed "moratorium" to move our city BEYOND the question of the power plant.

It is in only that spirit of moving BEYOND the major bone of contention, that I propose a meeting between ALL SIDES - all for the purpose of reformulating our Town's strategy for the responsible industrial development all sides DESIRE, so that the stabilization of a secure growth rate in this city's tax base can finally be MAPPED OUT and PLANNED FOR without any recourse to the cesspool of dysfunctional politics we never seem to leave behind.

It is clear now that Mr. Frank Lawlor does not like what we have become, and I certainly don't care for what we have become. I'm quite sure that our city may be perfectly nauseated by the tone of the debate, as well. It is shameful, it is morally wrong, and it is UGLY. Both sides have indulged in it, and nearly everyone involved in either side has indulged in it.

Erroneous and unfair charges in the heat of debate (at times on even MY part) have infected the debate with a flavor that hardly fosters digestion of the facts involved but rather provokes what Jacques Derrida might have called - with only slight exaggeration - a desire to vomit:

"I say 'vomit' deliberately. Nietzsche constantly draws our attention to the values of learning to vomit, forming in this way one's taste, distastes, and disgust, knowing how to use one's mouth and palate, moving one's tongue and lips, having good teeth or being hard-toothed, understanding how to speak and eat..." (Texts and Discussions with Jacques Derrida: The Ear of the Other: Otobiography, Transference, Translation. Christie McDonald, ed. Peggy Kamuf, trans. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1988. 23).

When we talk AT each other rather than TO one another; when we hurl insults at one another rather than work alongside one another; when we presume only the worst about one another, rather than ASSUME the good citizenship of all involved - then our city has ALREADY BEEN destroyed. We seem all too willing to KICK one another's TEETH in and focus on only the most PETTY concerns and RIDICULOUS red herrings.

We SEEM aligned for trench warfare. Were the CCBA to behave like Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam instead of a Coalition of Control freaks and Bad Attitudes, then maybe people would pay less attention to personalities than to the troublesome and disturbing FACTS the CCBA has uncovered. If the CAT would only behave like Concerned Agawam Taxpayers instead of a Corrosive Attack Taskforce, then maybe more people would HEED their very legitimate and pressing concerns about our tax base - the solutions to which HARDLY begin and end with Berkshire Power.

Were we to move beyond the downward spiral of charges and counter-charges, half-truths, and spin control, both sides might finally SIT DOWN at a TABLE and DO WHAT OBVIOUSLY NEEDS TO BE DONE! If we were to dispense with all of the hypocritical rhetoric ABOUT "community," we might actually BECOME ONE and begin to solve its problems. How we could possibly DO this amidst so much ACRIMONY seems anyone's guess, but I have faith that we can move BEYOND the juvenile delinquency that has characterized this debate and act like ADULTS, even HUMAN BEINGS. We have ample sincere, committed and conscientious people with BRIGHT ideas on BOTH SIDES, so that each can end its pretense to monopolize the truth, escape the cesspool of the same old politics, and solve problems as the community we so hypocritically pretend to be. The time is finally HERE to BURY the hatchet, move

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**LETTERS - from Page 5...**

BEYOND our bone of contention, and to sit down and solve our problems as a community.

My best guess is that we won't, that those who do so love to wallow like swine in mud and bile will find the temptation to demonize others far too HARD to resist simply for that ideal sense of a community. My best guess is that the both sides have painted themselves into the most impossible of corners, and are no longer working in the best interests of community. Mr. Lawlor's comments have finally given me the HOPE, however, that we have not yet become so polarized as I fear.

Whoever steps up to the plate and takes up my challenge will finally realize this, the best hope of all who hope to salvage whatever "community" still lies beneath the slime. THERE shall be the Town we love!

Owen Broadhurst  
Agawam

## An Overview Of Activities At Agawam Country Club

**To The Editor:**

The 1996 golf season is upon us. On behalf of the Agawam Municipal Golf Commission and the Course Manager, Ron Dunn, we would like to give the general public an overview of what we are doing at the Agawam Country Club.

The renovations on the snack bar area of the clubhouse facility are complete, and the place looks great. We are continuing to work on the banquet and restaurant facility on the second floor (which should be done by early this fall). The work on the second floor includes a deck which overlooks the scenic Pioneer Valley.

The installation of a fully computerized irrigation system is well underway and should be completed by the end of May. The irrigation system will help beautify the course and offer a more attractive environment for golfers, which should help keep Agawam Country Club competitive with other area courses.

The Golf Commission's mission statement is as follows:

*We, the members of the Municipal Golf Commission, in partnership with the community, will endeavor to provide a high quality municipal golf and recreation facility by utilizing all the resources at our disposal.*

*We will engage in the effective and efficient operation of the Agawam Country Club, and offer quality golf and recreation services to the citizens of Agawam and the surrounding area. We will engage in prudent capital planning to ensure the successful long range operation, maintenance and expansion of the facility.*

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### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 25, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of School Specialties, Inc. for work to be performed on Almgren Drive, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission

*Through these efforts, we hope to have a positive impact on the quality of life of the citizens of Agawam by preserving open space and striving to enhance and improve all recreational programs serving the community.*

The entire cost of operating and improving the Agawam Country Club is funded through the revenues generated by the course such as greens fees, cart rental, and the food and beverage operation. The town does not contribute any tax dollars to the course. The town was fortunate to take advantage of a state recreation grant to partially fund the new irrigation system.

The Golf Commission invites any member of the public to attend its meetings which are held twice a month at the course. The times and dates of our meetings appear on public access cable channel number five. We encourage your ideas and suggestions because your input is very important to us.

Sincerely,  
Agawam Municipal Golf Commission

## AAN Should Continue To Encourage Exchange Of Ideas

**To The Editor:**

I find it unfortunate your newspaper now allows its "objective reporters" to cross the line of objectivity into the realm of editorializing. All pretense that your news editor is a journalist or that her reporting is objective, fair, and unbiased is now gone.

I also find it incredible that your newspaper would editorialize against the exercise of an individual's right to freedom of speech. As individuals, we might question the content of a person's comments, but I feel that all newspapers, whose entire existence is based on freedom of the press and freedom of speech, should be staunch defenders of those freedoms rather than proponents of their curtailment.

The Agawam Advertiser-News has a long and very proud history of providing the residents of Agawam with an opportunity to air their concerns and opinions. Don't change now! "Citizen Speak Time" is another very important opportunity for Agawam residents to share concerns with their elected representatives.

The AAN should continue to encourage the free exchange of ideas rather than to advocate the stifling of discourse.

Thank you,  
Frank Lawlor  
Agawam

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## West Springfield High School Is Solving Its Problems

**To The Editor:**

I am writing this letter in response to an article that appeared in the *Union News* on April 8, 1996. The article I refer to pertains to the efforts of West Springfield High School's newly appointed principal, Stephen Myers.

In just under three months, Mr. Myers has reduced the occurrence of rest-room smoking by 90 percent. It is important to note that this has been accomplished without any additional personnel or funding.

Mr. Myers has imposed a penalty system as follows: first smoking offense, one-day suspension; second offense, three-day suspension; third offense, five-day suspension. In addition to these strict smoking penalties, Mr. Myers has clearly stated, "I don't care who you are, if you come in here armed with drugs, I'm calling the police department. I believe this is what parents and administrators would expect."

Some parents are sure to complain about student suspensions since they may be inconvenienced by their child being at home rather than at school. My response to these parents is that the school system is in place to educate our children, not to serve as a babysitting service for unruly kids. Discipline begins at home. Our educators face enough challenges without having to act as surrogate parents.

Getting back to the issue of rest-room smoking, I challenged the Agawam principal to institute some of the methods employed by Mr. Myers. Quite simply, Mr. Myers has achieved this dramatic 90 percent smoking reduction by performing surprise inspections and by actually standing in the rest rooms between classes. These methods, coupled with a strict enforcement policy, will send a clear message to the unruly students within our school system.

This message is that there are plenty of good students within the Agawam School System and the quality of their education should not and will not be comprised by a handful of students that refuse to abide by the rules of the school.

I hope that our educators will look for creative solutions to the problems facing our school system. I applaud Mr. Myers for having the backbone to deal with these problems head on.

Todd M. Peetros  
Agawam

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**CIVILIAN ACADEMY - from Page 1...**

"We're taking the focus away from some of the isolation we used to experience driving by at 40 miles per hour in the cruisers and creating a partnership with the community," Campbell said. "We want you to understand what we do, and we want to understand what your needs are."

Campbell said the civilian academy would be a learning experience for the community and for the Police Department.

"It will be an education for us if you give us your honest opinions and candid comments on what you think is right or wrong in policing," Campbell said.

Home/School Adjustment Counselor Eleanor Placzek said she was interested in learning "anything I can bring back not only to my work with students, but to share with the other counselors as well."

**More Of An Appreciation For Police Officers...**

Mrs. Placzek said she expected academy participants to gain more of an appreciation for the police officers as they learned more about the profession.

Town Councilor David Skolnick is no stranger behind the scenes at police headquarters. Before civilians began manning the dispatch desk, Skolnick would relieve officers on duty so they could have Christmas dinner with their families.

Holding a black belt in karate for over 40 years, Skolnick said his instinct has always been to protect family and friends. "I want to learn to be more efficient. I want to learn from the inside ... from the people who know what it's all about."

At their first meeting, the academy members toured police headquarters and got an overview of the history of policing in Agawam. In the coming weeks, the training officers are planning simulations of police procedures for the academy,



**MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S first Civilian Academy are introduced to the course earlier this month.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Draghetti said.

At the communications desks, the academy will have the opportunity to go more in-depth in seeing how the calls are handled, from use of the TDY for the hearing impaired to tapes of actual 911 calls. The academy will hear 911 tapes of a caller being coached through administering CPR to his wife while waiting for the ambulance, and a

woman hiding under her bed as she reports a housebreak, Draghetti said.

Campbell said the academy is not designed to train police officers. Rather, the 10-week course will give people in the community an opportunity to talk with the officers, exchange ideas, and open up the lines of communication between the police officers and the townspeople.

## Keenan To Kick-Off Reelection Campaign With April 24th Pasta Dinner

Representative Dan Keenan has issued an invitation to the residents of the Third Hampden District to join with him and his family as he kicks off his reelection campaign to the State House of Representatives.

Representative Keenan has scheduled a pasta dinner for Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at the Polish

American Club on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills. The dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The donation is \$5 per ticket, and tickets for seniors and children under 12 years of age are \$3. Tickets will be available at the door.

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## Application Deadline Of Superintendent Extended By School Committee

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Four days before the deadline, the School Committee agreed to extend the time for accepting applications for the position of superintendent.

In a 4-2 vote, the committee went along with their chairman's request to extend the deadline to April 22nd. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he had received 59 requests for application packets, nine completed applications, and 14 incomplete applications.

Johnson said more time was needed to allow applicants to gather and submit all the required paperwork, including transcripts from colleges and graduate schools.

Johnson said extending the application deadline would add two weeks to the search process. Under the amended schedule proposed by the Mayor, the School Committee will select its new superintendent on June 17th rather than May 28th, as originally planned.

The application screening committee will begin its work of narrowing down the field of applicants after the April 22nd deadline. The School Committee will conduct the semi-final interviews at the Middle School during the first two weeks of May. The interviews will be broadcast over the public access television channel.

### Final Candidates To Be Announced May 28th

The three final candidates will be announced at the regular May 28th School Committee meeting. Televised interviews will be conducted the week of June 10th and the new superintendent will be

announced at a special meeting of the School Committee on June 17th.

Johnson said he would send a letter informing everyone who had requested an application packet of the new deadline, but would not advertise the new deadline.

"The intent is not to attract more applicants, but to allow the applicants time to complete their packages," Johnson said.

Committee members Rosemary Sandlin and Louis Massola argued against extending the deadline, suggesting instead that applicants be allowed to complete their packages after the original deadline while the screening committee went ahead with evaluating the completed application packages.

Johnson said it would be unfair to the applicants if the screening committee began going over the applications before all the completed applications had been received (when everyone will be on a level playing field).

School Committee member Teresa Kozloski agreed. "The first ones would probably make a greater impact. If you do them all at the same time, you're going to have a fairer process."

Voting against extending the deadline were Mrs. Sandlin and Massola. In favor were Susan Pettazzoni, Linda Galarneau, Teresa Kozloski, and Johnson.

Roberta Doering was absent. As president of the National School Boards Association, Mrs. Doering was attending their annual convention.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1996, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of BERNARD H. WALSH who is seeking relief from

Section 180-26, Paragraph A(1) of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the construction of an addition, with less than the required sideyard at the premises identified as 46 RHODES AVENUE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman  
Published: April 18, 1996

### LEGAL NOTICE

## Historical Association Plans June 8th Tour

The Agawam Historical Association will present a tour of the Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on June 8, 1996.

The museum recreates 300 years of neighborhood history at Puddle Dock. Portsmouth's Market Square Day will highlight the streets of Portsmouth lined with vendors selling their wares.

The cost is \$20 and includes bus and entrance fee and tip for the driver. The bus will depart at 7:00 a.m. from Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills to arrive at the museum at 10:00 a.m. The bus will arrive back in Feeding Hills at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Dinner will be at Yokens in Portsmouth. Menu prices range from \$6.95-\$10.95 with Daily Specials. Order from the menu, with separate checks.

Reservations and payment are due by May 10, 1996. Mail payment to the Agawam Historical Association, P.O. Box 552, Agawam, MA 01001. For more information, call 786-6835.

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If the temperature is over 120°F., turn your water heater down. Never leave a child alone in a sink or bathtub.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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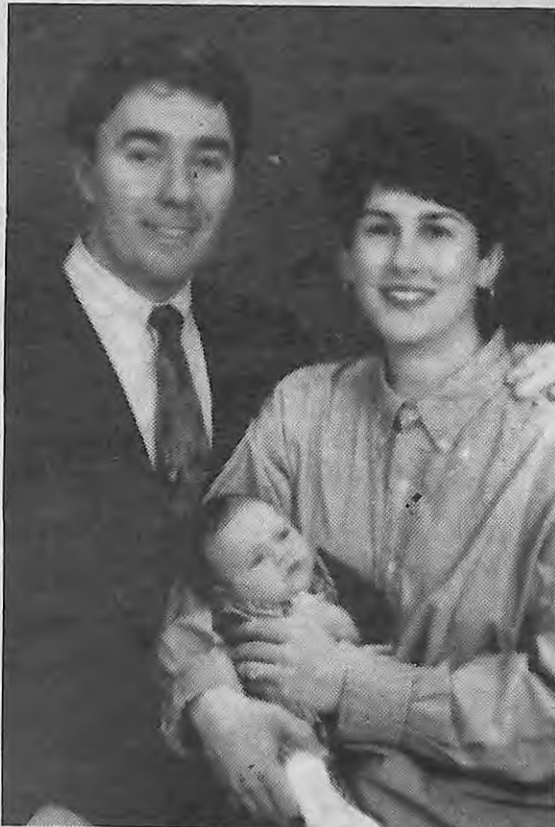
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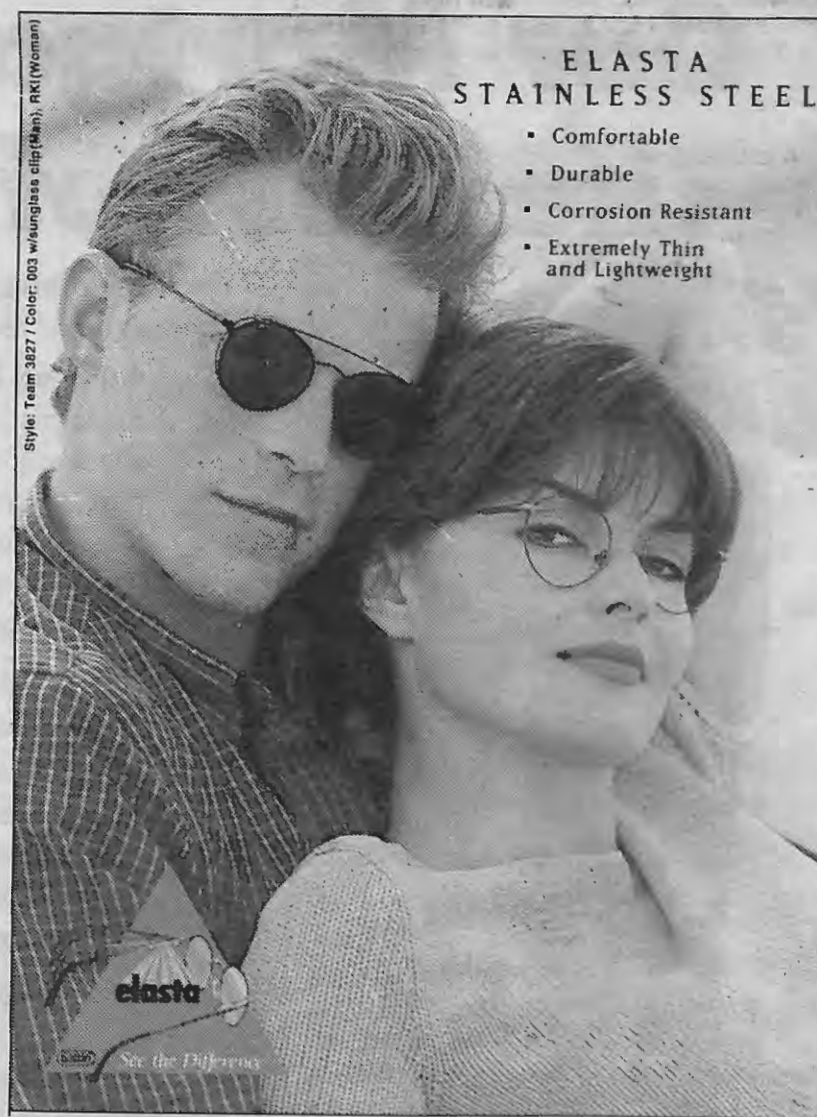
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# Melconian Says Tobacco Disclosure Passed By Senate

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced unanimous Senate passage on April 10th of legislation requiring tobacco companies to disclose to state health officials the additives and nicotine levels in their products.

The bill, the first of its kind in the United States, now moves to the House of Representatives. On April 10th, the House rejected a stricter measure by a two-vote margin.

"This legislation is a consumer-oriented, common sense initiative. People have the right to know what they are smoking and how much nicotine the product contains," Melconian said. "Food, beverages, and cosmetics must reveal ingredients; why should tobacco companies be exempted?"

The measure would require tobacco manufacturers to file a report annually with the Department of Public Health detailing the amount of nicotine and additives other than tobacco and water contained in their product. These products would subsequently be released to the public.

Bill opponents have warned that the legislation is open to litigation because it violates federal law. However, an amendment offered by Senator Warren Tolman and accepted by the Senate requires state health officials to consult with the state attorney general about legality before releasing lists of additives and nicotine levels by companies to the general public.

While Federal law requires disclosure of nicotine levels to the Department of Health and Human Services, that information is protected and not released to the public.

"We are not trying to force product changes by tobacco companies; we are simply trying to give the public the information necessary to make a decision," Melconian said. "It does not require any further labelling on packages, but if the consumer wants product information, they will be able to find it."

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 2, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of ten registered voters for a proposed Zoning Amendment entitled "Treebelt Ordinance." A copy of this proposal can be obtained or viewed in the Agawam Planning Office.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

Published: April 18, 1996

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PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF AGAWAM

In accordance with Article 8, Section 8-1(b) of the Agawam Town Charter, the Agawam Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 6, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA for the purpose of determining if the mis-use of public funds had been allowed by the council and by the administration.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of Council

Published: April 18, 1996

## Best local news...

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# State Rep. Keenan Pleased With Progress Of Budget; Agawam To Receive Funds

Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased with the House approval of the \$17.4 billion fiscal 1997 state budget. The budget has allocated \$7,965,769 in Chapter 70 monies for the Agawam schools; \$2,210,593 in lottery aid for Agawam; and another \$223,588 in additional lottery distribution funds for the town.

In addition to local aid and school funding, lawmakers in Boston earmarked \$6.9 million for payments in lieu of taxes to cities and towns for state-owned property such as Robinson State Park. Agawam can also expect at least \$25,000 under the community policing program. These additional funds may help fund public calls for more police coverage at the high school or the River Road area of Agawam.

The House voted to continue \$554,000 for funding for the Hampden County anti-gang project. The funding will help suburban communities such

as Agawam that have experienced some gang activities as law enforcement authorities have stepped up their anti-gang efforts in the larger cities.

The House also voted to allow deductions and credits against Massachusetts income taxes for those taxpayers who have been forced to replace or repair septic systems to be in compliance with Title V Regulations.

"I am very pleased that the House has adopted both a responsible and responsive budget in terms of our commitment to our cities and towns," stated Rep. Keenan. "Agawam can expect its fair share of local aid and education funding under the House's spending plan."

The budget process now proceeds to the Senate Ways and Means Committee, which will present a Senate version of the state budget to the Senate by mid-May. A joint House-Senate conference committee will then resolve differences between the two budgets.

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## Cupola Raised Over New Agawam Center Fire Station



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON (center) and Fire Chief David Pisano (third from right) were among those who gathered at the site of the new Agawam Fire Headquarters in Agawam Center for the raising of the colonial cupola. The cupola fits in with the historic nature of many of the buildings along Main Street near Agawam Center. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Melconian Says Senate Gives Initial OK To Bill Protecting State Employees

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced initial Senate approval of legislation protecting retired and current state employees from "balance billing" under the John Hancock Health Plan.

Melconian, long an advocate on senior's health issues, has been active in curbing the practice of 'balance billing' for retired and current state workers. 'Balance billing' results when health care providers bill patients under indemnity plans the balance that is not covered by the plan.

Insurers traditionally reimburse doctors the amount that it considers "reasonable and customary" for a particular procedure or office visit. If the health care provider's charges exceed this amount, the difference is passed on to the consumer. 'Balance billing' is illegal in Blue Cross/Blue Shield indemnity plans and Blue Cross/Blue Shield Medex throughout the Commonwealth, thanks to Senator Melconian.

"The practice of balance billing for indemnity plans is immoral and unfair. The state needs to do whatever it can to protect our citizens, especially retired and senior, from extraordinary medical costs," Melconian said.

Under the Commonwealth's contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which served as the state plan until 1988, 'balance billing' was prohibited. John Hancock was granted the next state contract in 1988, and although the agreement did not include a ban on 'balance billing,' the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) gave assurances that this kind

of practice would not be tolerated.

However, in January 1995, without notification to health care consumers, the GIC changed its fee schedule for payment to providers. Retired and current state employees in the Hampden District and the rest of the Commonwealth who were enrolled in the Hancock Plan were caught off-guard, and forced to incur exceptionally high costs for treatment they assumed was covered. The Senate bill would prevent the GIC from shifting costs to the consumer under the Hancock Plan.

"Without explaining the change in practice, the GIC was doing a great disservice to the thousands of current and retired state workers who thought they were paying for complete and comprehensive coverage under the Hancock indemnity plan," Melconian said. Approximately 3,500 retired state employees in the Hampden District are enrolled in the Hancock Plan.

"To my knowledge, balance billing is not prevalent with other indemnity plans," Melconian said. "But this is a practice that, when it occurs, has to be stopped. We must protect citizens who are paying higher premiums for indemnity plans with full expectation that they will be responsible for co-payments, deductibles, and nothing more."

"If you are a subscriber to an indemnity plan, and have been balance billed, contact my District Office at 786-6033," Melconian continued. "We will do whatever we can to try to make balance billing a thing of the past."



THREE YEAR-OLD COURTNEY AQUARO holds her umbrella before the raising of the colonial cupola at the new Agawam Fire Station. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam Obituaries

### Ellis Ayre Galloway

Ellis Ayre Galloway, 82, of 648 Main Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Sherman Mills, Maine, she graduated from Sherman Mills High School as Valedictorian of her class in 1930, and graduated with Honors from Concord Business College, Concord, New Hampshire, in 1932.

In 1941, she worked for Raytheon MFG. in Worthington, MA, as Supervisor of Personnel Dept., Acting as liaison between the company and the U.S. Navy.

In 1946, she moved to Concord, New Hampshire, as Assistant to the Comptroller of the NH Highway Department, handling all town and federal receipts for their share in the building of Bridges, Roads, and Building.

In 1948, she became the Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Laconia, NH. During that time, she also taught courses at Laconia Business College and was Player/Coach of their basketball team.

In 1956, she started her own business, Secretarial Services Inc., offering all office services to the public, including bookkeeping and tax work for small businesses that did not need full-time help.

At the same time, she was the Executive Secretary for the United Fund of Laconia; elected State Representative to the NH General Court, from 1959-1963; Member and Secretary of NH Legislative Council from 1961-1963; appointed Trustee of the Laconia State School by Governor Wesley Powell; teacher for the Adult Education Program in Franklin and Laconia; Chairperson, House of Representatives Public Institutions and Welfare Committee 1962-1963; and member of the Manchester Union Leader Advisory Committee.

In 1968, she became the Personnel Director for the School of International Living in Putney, Vermont, until her retirement in 1980. In 1980, she took her Brokerage Exam and went to work for Tucker Anthony, R.L. Day and then to Shearson American Express in Keene, NH.

Other activities included the Emblem Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, NH Women's Golf Club, NH Women's Golf Association, Easter Star NH order of Women's Legislators, and the National Federation of Republican Women.

Other accomplishments included NH Women's Badminton Mixed Doubles Champion, Laconia Country Club Golf Champion, and Who's Who of American Women in 1961-1962.

She leaves one son, A. Anthony Ayre of Agawam; five grandchildren, Kathryn M. Ayre of Agawam, Cynthia E. Ayre of Agawam, Linda L. Hadden of Agawam, Jennifer S. Ayre of Belcher-town, and Timothy T. Ayre of Agawam; and four great-grandchildren.

The burial was private, and Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

### Patrick R. Fleury

Patrick R. Fleury, 78, of 72 Norman St., West Springfield, a decorated veteran, retired union

painter, and 20-year machinist at Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died at home. Born in Malone, New York, he moved here 45 years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

He was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church. He belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632 in Agawam.

His wife, Stella (DeForge) Fleury, died in 1971. He leaves five sons, Patrick J. Fleury of West Springfield, Wayne C. Fleury of Chicopee, William A. DeForge of Springfield, James H. DeForge of Agawam, and Roger B. DeForge of Holyoke, 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Easter Seals, 111 Elm St., West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Samuel T. Johnson

Samuel T. Johnson, 90, of 464 Main St., Agawam, died at a local nursing home. He was a 20-year worker in the prototype division of Gilbert & Barker Co. in West Springfield, and retired in 1966.

He was previously a test driver for Rolls-Royce Ltd. U.S.A. in the late 1920's. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and lived in Springfield before moving here five years ago.

He was a communicant of the Holy Cross Church, and played in the town's Double A semi-professional baseball league. His wife, the former Francis (Riley) Johnson, died in 1989. He leaves a son, Robert of Agawam; two daughter, Marion R. Schmidt of Wilbraham and Carol V. Bolton of Holliston; five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Hafey Springfield Chapels and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

### Neil H. Blatt

Neil H. Blatt, 53, of 302 Miller Street, Ludlow, died Saturday, April 13th, in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was Vice President of the Investment Service Division for Fleet Bank, Springfield.

He began his 23-year banking career with the former Third National Bank, and he also was employed with the former Bank of New England.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he lived in the Springfield, Agawam, and Ludlow areas for the past 25 years.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a navigator in the submarine service, while serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era.

He was a graduate of Brooklyn College and Brooklyn Law School. He was a member of the New York State Bar Associates.

Among his affiliations, were services to Brightside and Interim Healthcare.

He served on various boards, including the Board of Directors for MacDuffie School in Springfield; the Executive Board and the Board of Directors for Sunshine Village in Chicopee.

He was a member of the Springfield

Sportsman's Club and served on the Town Council and Conservation Commission for the town of Agawam.

He leaves his wife, the former Cynthia Melnyck; his mother, Bertha (Selikowitz) Blatt of Lakewood, Florida; two stepdaughters, Kara and Courtney Kolodziey, both of Ludlow; and a sister, Nancy M. Robinson of Flushing, New York.

The funeral was held from Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home in East Longmeadow, with burial in Sinai Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 53 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or American International College, c/o Dean of Students, 1000 State Street, Springfield, MA 01109.

### Lucien J. DeMars

Lucien J. DeMars, 23, of 238 Maple Street, Agawam, a yardman for Pacific Rail Service of West Springfield, died in Boston's New England Medical Center.

Born in Holyoke, he was a lifelong resident of Agawam and graduated from Agawam High School. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves a daughter, Chiara DeMars, at home; his fiancée, Jessica Brianesco of Agawam; his parents, Michael J. and Debora (Johnson) DeMars of Springfield; and his maternal grandparents, Roland and Ann Atkinson of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a scholarship fund for his daughter, in care of Westbank, 225 Park Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Mary Ann Lebra

Mary Ann Lebra, 67, formerly of 63 Norman Terrace, Feeding Hills, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. She was a retired chief X-ray technician at the former Wesson Memorial Hospital in Springfield.

She retired in 1980. Born in Asbury Park, New Jersey, she moved to the Springfield area in 1934 and graduated from Springfield's former Technical High School. She was a 39-year resident of this town.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. She leaves two sisters, Geraldine Maynard and Frieda Settle of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was at the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

### In Memory Of Anthony Brozini

A Poem in Dedication to a wondrous poet and friend, Mr. Anthony Brozini.

#### THE POET'S FRIEND

*Come then, my friend! my genius! come along;  
O master of the poet, and the song!  
And while the muse now stoops, or now ascends  
To man's low passions, or their glorious ends,*

SEE OBITUARIES - Page 12...

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TRIAL COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 95-479

ROBERT B. FRUWIRTH and  
ANNE M. FRUWIRTH,  
Plaintiffs

vs.  
MARY H. BIDWELL, f/k/a  
MARY HATMAKER, or her  
heirs and assigns  
Defendants

This cause came on to be heard upon complaint of Plaintiffs, Robert B. and Anne M. Fruwirth, praying that title to land located on Fruwirth Avenue, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and more specifically described in a deed recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 29a65, Page 159, is held by said plaintiffs free and clear of any mortgage and all claims, rights and title of any defendant or person claiming under the defendants and further praying for an order of notice and thereupon in consideration thereof it is Ordered and Adjudged that an order of notice

issue to the defendant, Mary H. Bidwell f/k/a Mary Hatmaker, her heirs, devisees or legal representatives of parts unknown and to any other person claiming interest in the land described in the complaint, by publishing an attested copy of this notice once each week for three consecutive weeks in *The Agawam Advertiser News*, a newspaper published in Agawam, Massachusetts, the last publication at least 14 days before Tuesday 5/21/96 and that the said defendants do cause their written appearances to be entered and their written answers or other lawful pleadings to be filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court of Springfield in said County of Hampden on or before the said 21st day of May next.

If you, all the defendants, fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13 (a) your answers must state as a counterclaim any claim you have against the plaintiffs, Robert B. and Anne M. Fruwirth, and which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

MARIE G. MAZZA, CLERK-MAGISTRATE  
PUBLISHED: April 18, 1996

## Get Out That Rake...



JOHN G. DEVINE, oldest son of Advertiser News staff photographer Jack Devine, is put to work on the front lawn of his dad's home on Campbell Drive. With the warm weather coming, townspeople can turn their full attention to raking and taking care of their lawns. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## OBITUARIES - from Page 11...

Teach me, like thee, in various nature wise,  
To fall with dignity, with temper rise;  
Formed by thy converse happily to steer  
From grave to gay, from lively to severe;  
Correct with spirit, eloquent with ease,  
Intent to reason, or polite to please.  
O, while along the stream of time thy name  
Expanded flies, and gathers all its fame;  
Say, shall my little bark attendant sail,  
Pursue the triumph, and partake the gale?  
When statesmen, heroes, kings, in dust repose,

Whose sons shall blush their fathers were they foes,  
Shall then this verse to future age pretend  
Thou wert my guide, philosopher, and friend!  
That, urged by thee, I turned the tuneful art  
From sounds to things, from fancy to the heart:  
Showed erring pride, *WHATEVER IS, IS RIGHT*;  
That *REASON, PASSION*, answer one great aim;  
That true *SELF-LOVE* and *SOCIAL* are the same;  
That *VIRTUE* only makes our bliss below;  
And all our knowledge is, *OURSELVES TO KNOW*.

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## Families



KIMBERLY HODGES & WILLIAM MOCCIO

### Kimberly A. Hodges Engaged To Wed William A. Moccio, Jr.

Robert and Ann Hodges of Port Washington, Long Island (formerly of Agawam), are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to William Andrew Moccio, Jr. of Agawam. William is the son of William and Andrea Moccio, Sr. of Feeding Hills.

The couple became engaged on July 8, 1995 in front of Cinderella's Castle in Walt Disney World. They are planning an August 3, 1996 wedding which will be held at St. John's Church in Agawam. A reception at the Springfield Country Club will follow.

Kimberly graduated from Assumption College in 1993 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She is currently employed by Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford, CT, as an International Buyer/Planner. She is pursuing her Master's degree in International Business at Western New England College.

William attended Western New England College for Finance and is the Vice-President of Operations at Responsive Trucking in Agawam.

The couple both graduated from Agawam High School in 1989.

### Berkshire Power Plans 2nd Tree Distribution On Sat., April 20th

Berkshire Power will be conducting its second annual tree distribution program to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 20th between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at its proposed project site on Moylan Lane (located off Shoemaker Lane near Cordi Foods) in Agawam.

White spruce seedlings will be distributed free to Agawam residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Planting and care instructions will be provided.

"We hope that Agawam residents will come and adopt some trees on Saturday," said Berkshire Power Project Director Ken Roberts. "We had an excellent response at last year's Earth Day event and we look forward to increasing participation this year."

The tree distribution program will continue through the life of the proposed power plant.

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### Agawam Lions Club Slates Annual Antique & Classic Auto Show

The Agawam Lions Club will hold its Annual Antique and Classic Auto Show on Sunday, April 28th, at the Agawam High School parking lot. The rain date will be on May 19, 1996.

We expect about 200 cars of all make and vintage. Refreshments will be available on the grounds, and admission is \$3.

The Agawam Lions are a member of the largest charitable organization in the world, with a worldwide membership of more than 1,500,000.

Our members come from all walks of life, be it judges to doctors, lawyers, civic leaders, etc., with only one purpose in mind—"to help other people less fortunate than ourselves."

All profits from all projects are used strictly for charitable purposes. There are no paid members in Lionism.

Among our charities are: Mass. Eye Research; Cancer and Heart Association; Association of the Blind; Willie Ross and Clarke School of the Deaf; diabetes; DARE Program; town athletic programs; Scouting; Library Scholarships; etc.

All proceeds from the Auto Show will go to Mass. Eye Research. It is estimated there are about 80 million blind people in this world of ours, and that one-half (or 40 million) of these are preventable.

We here in Agawam can relate to blindness. Remember Anne Sullivan, who lived in Feeding Hills and became famous for her work with Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf?

To make this Auto Show a success, we need your help. Come join us for a day among the old and classic cars of yesterday, and help us to stamp out blindness through the work of Mass. Eye Research.

Our motto is "We Serve."

### Jim & Paula Roy Of Feeding Hills Announce Birth Of Third Child, Elise Page Roy

Jim and Paula Roy of Feeding Hills announce the birth of their third child, Elise Paige Roy.

Elise was born on Monday, March 11, 1996 weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces and measuring 20½ inches long.

### Agawam AFS Seeking Host Families For 3 Foreign Students

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is seeking host families for the 1996-1997 school year for three young women to be members of the Class of 1997 at Agawam High School.

One of the students is from France, one is from Panama, and one is from Italy.

Agawam AFS has been a sponsor chapter of AFS International for the past 21 years and is considered one of the most successful in all of New England.

Currently, Agawam AFS is sponsoring five students at Agawam High School. The students arrive in early August and return to their home countries the first week of July the following year (after spending what is hoped to be the most memorable year of their lives with an American host family).

AFS USA sponsors over 4,000 students and visiting teachers each year.

Host families come from all walks of life and from all income levels. AFS International assumes health and liability insurance. The Agawam Chapter of AFS helps the students it sponsors with many school related expenses.

Hosting an AFS student can be one of the most wonderful and exhilarating experiences for a local family and this is based on the many past successes of hosting families in our community.

If you are interested in hearing more information about Agawam AFS, or may be interested in hosting for the 1996/97 school year, please contact Alan Machia, Agawam AFS Family Placement chairman (786-0114), Mary Ellen Bruce, Agawam High AFS advisor (789-1400, extension 421, weekdays), or Ric Sardella, chapter president (786-7747 days; 789-2005, evenings).

Awaiting her arrival were big brother, Bryan (age 7) and big sister, Jenna (age 4) at home.

Elise's grandparents are Mrs. Rita Roy of Chicopee and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pandolfi of Chicopee.

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## Kristen Radtke Weds Mr. Gonsalves

Bethany Assembly of God in Agawam was the setting of the November 4th wedding of Kristen Radtke and Anthony Gonsalves IV.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Deborah Radtke of Feeding Hills. The parents of the groom are Barbara and Anthony Gonsalves III of Longmeadow. Heather Tibles attended the bride as matron-of-honor.

Bridesmaids were Heather Liberty and Meredith Gonsalves. Eric Carrington served as best man. Ushers were Mark Radtke and Glen Murphy.

The bride graduated from Agawam High School and Gordon College and is currently employed by Cerebral Palsy & Developmental Services of Western Mass. Her husband graduated from Wilbraham Monson Academy and attended UMass. He is currently employed by Stop & Shop.

The couple spent a honeymoon in San Francisco and now reside in Springfield.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, April 22nd:** Baked chicken leg, Spanish rice, cabbage & carrots, oatmeal, bread, apple.

**Tuesday, April 23rd:** Veal patty, spaghetti w/sauce, broccoli & cauliflower, garlic bread, lemon pudding.

**Wednesday, April 24th:** Liver & onions, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, mixed fruit.

**Thursday, April 25th:** Beef stew (beef, potatoes, carrots, celery, onions), tossed salad, bread, blueberry cake.

**Friday, April 26th:** Baked fish, oven-fries, peas, wheat bread, canned peach.

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## Forest Park Zoo Is Now Open Every Day

As of last Saturday, April 13th, the Zoo in Forest Park is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

According to the Forest Park Zoological Society's President Parker Hodgman, "The Zoo is ready for its best season ever with new and added exhibits."

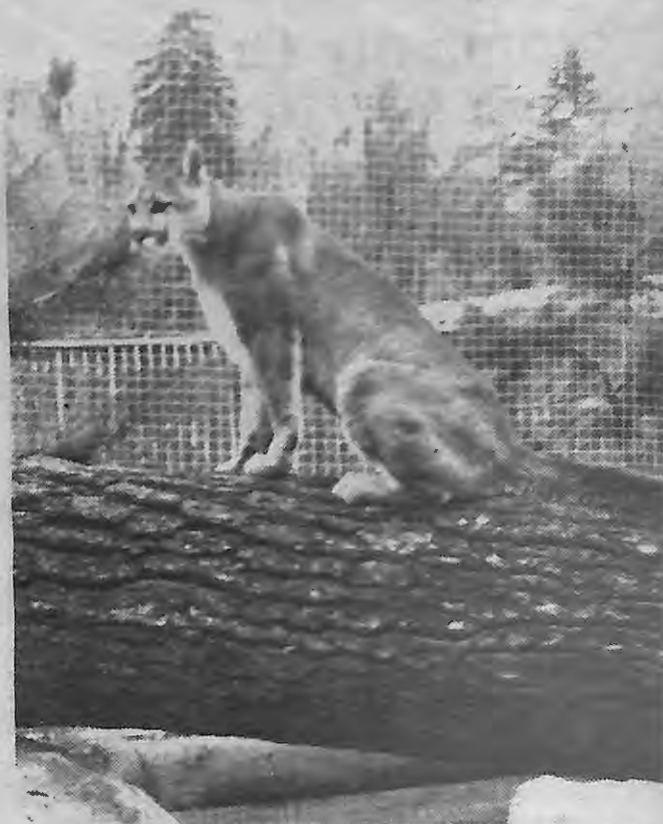
The Zoo has many adorable new spring births, including baby lambs, African Pygmy goats, baby muntjac miniature deer, llamas, and wallabies. Several deer are also expecting. In addition, the Zoo has two new six week-old bear cubs and a second South American cougar.

"The cougar exhibit has more than doubled in size thanks to extensive time and materials donated by Henry and Jane Lupa, owners of N.L. Construction," Hodgman noted.

In addition to nearly 200 animals, the Zoo provides train rides throughout Forest Park, a greatly enhanced gift shop, and a "Zoolicious" concession stand.

"Our precious Zoo is growing rapidly. Visitors will have a wonderful experience when they visit us," Hodgman noted.

For further information about the Zoo (including special tours and volunteer opportunities), call the Zoo in Springfield at (413) 733-2251.



ASIA, a South American Cougar, is one of the attractions at the Forest Park Zoo.

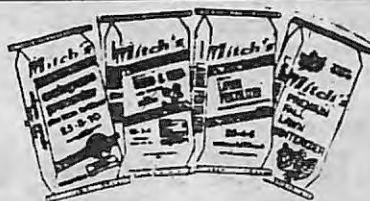
## Polish Club To Hold April 27th Flea Market

The Polish American Club of Agawam, Inc., 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills will be hosting a Flea Market on April 27th and 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The sale will be held in the heated hall, outdoor pavilion, parking lot, and lawn.

Items for sale will include crafts, collectables, antiques, household goods, clothing, baby items, toys, tools, sport cards, cars, and recreational vehicles.

For more information, call 786-6124.



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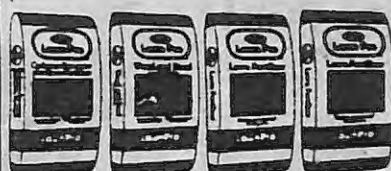
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## Community Grange Schedules Ziti Supper On Saturday, May 4th

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Ziti Supper on Saturday, May 4th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Grange hall is located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

The menu will include ziti, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade pastries, coffee, tea, and milk. Cost is \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Reservations can be made by calling 786-2276.

## Tech High School's Class Of 1966 To Hold 30-Year Reunion

The class of 1966 from the former Springfield Technical High School will hold its 30-year class reunion on Saturday, November 30, 1996 at the Fairview Knights of Columbus in Chicopee, MA.

For further information, call Jim Goodrow, (413) 782-6276, or Rose Marie Murray Disco, (413) 786-7529, or write to: Springfield Tech High, Class of '66, 49 Morningside Circle, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

## Reunion Luncheon Slated By Former F. Hills Women's Club

A reunion luncheon for members of the former Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, at Storowton Tavern.

If you have not been contacted and wish to attend, please call Thelma Gardner at 786-6706.

All former members are welcome.

## AARP To Meet At Senior Center April 29

The Agawam-Feeding Hills AARP will meet on Monday, April 29th, at the Agawam Senior Center. This is a rescheduled meeting.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Deborah Dachos, director of Development & Community Planning for the Town of Agawam.

Ms. Dachos will discuss the planned bike path along the Connecticut River.

## Passerinis Announce Birth Of Daughter

Mike and Debbie Passerini of Longmeadow are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jenna Ann Passerini.

Jenna Ann was born March 30, 1996 at 5:01 a.m. at Baystate Medical Center. She weighed six pounds, seven ounces and measured 19 inches.

Maternal grandparents are John and Eida Cataldo of West Springfield.

Paternal grandparents are Judy Passerini of Agawam and Harold Passerini of Westfield.

## Toastmasters To Meet At Country Estates

The next meeting of the Agawam/West Side Toastmasters will be held Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Country Estates Nursing & Rehab Center, Route 75, Agawam.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. Guests from all communities are always welcome.

For more information, call 789-1366.

## Beautification Comm. Seeks "Adopters"

Despite the recent weather, spring has arrived. The Agawam Beautification Committee is seeking assistance this year with its beautification efforts.

The Beautification Committee is presently responsible for the planting of a number of planters throughout the Town. The Committee is seeking the assistance of local businesses and civic organizations to ensure that the planters are maintained throughout the growing season.

By adopting a planter, an organization will be identified by a plaque on the planter. Responsibilities will include weeding, removal of litter, and infrequently watering.

Those interested in volunteering to participate in the "Adopt-A-Planter Program" should contact the Office of Planning and Community Development by calling 786-0400, extension 283.

Check our classified pages

## Community Grange Plans Tag & Bake Sale On Sat., April 27th

Community Grange No. 382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Tag and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills.

This sale will benefit various community projects and the Scholarship Fund. A snack bar will also be available.

## Ag. Women's Club To Meet April 22nd

The Annual Meeting of the Agawam Women's Club will be held on Monday, April 22nd at the Hofbrauhaus, 1105 Main St., West Springfield.

There will be a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:00.

Election and installation of officers will be held.



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## Easter Egg Coloring



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME'S PRE-SCHOOL held an Easter Egg coloring on April 5th. IN TOP PHOTO, Sean Converse, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, and Meagan LaFleur. IN PHOTO BELOW, Gwen LaBonte and Justin Messier. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## West Side Tappers At Heritage Hall East



MEMBERS OF THE WEST SIDE TAPPERS, a high-energy, well-disciplined senior citizen dance troupe paid a visit to Heritage Hall East to entertain staff and residents earlier this month. There are 48 dancers in the troupe. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Agawam Church  
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(786-7908)

## Winning Over Worry

You know it's going to be a bad day, Michael Hodgkin relates, when you turn on the news and they are showing emergency routes out of the city; when your twin sister forgets your birthday; when your car horn accidentally goes off and gets stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway; when your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat; when your income tax refund check bounces!

Hey, you know that you are in trouble when you worry about all of those things happening. But worry, we do, about a lot of things. We worry about things that might happen. We worry about things that are happening. We worry that we worry so much. In other words, something tells us that worry is not a good thing (maybe our doctor!).

So, how can we win over worry? One of the most common answers I hear has two parts. The first part: "Why worry, it's not going to change anything?" Good point. The Bible says the same thing: "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (NIV, Matthew 6:27)

The fact is that worry does nothing constructive to help you solve your current problem; it does not prepare you in any way for potential problems. Actually, it is very likely to leave you more vulnerable to trouble, by creating stress or sleeplessness. In addition, worry often creates new problems of its own, like stress in relationships. Worry does nothing constructive to help you, so why worry? That's good counsel.

What is not so good counsel is what often accompanies such advice. It goes like this: "Hey, whatever is going to happen is going to happen anyway." Implication: Things happen totally randomly. They are beyond anyone's control. Life just happens. The problem with such an idea is that it isn't true, which ultimately makes it very poor advice.

The well-meaning person advising us thinks that this will be a comfort. Hey, stuff happens, so don't get stressed. I don't know about you, but there sure seems to be a whole lot more potential stress in the notion that everything that goes on in our world is totally accidental or random. Nothing is for sure; you can't count on anyone or anything.

But it's greatest flaw is that it is not true. Our universe was created by an all-powerful, all-knowing, loving God who is in absolute control of the events. Even our choices to run our own lives apart from Him (sin and evil) have not thwarted His ultimate purpose. While "bad things" continue to happen in our world, they are not beyond His control.

And so, God is able to give us this counsel regarding worry: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

God's answer to worry: Don't be anxious about problems or potential troubles. Instead, take them to the One who is in control and can be trusted. Why worry when you can pray?

SEE TIMELESS TRUTH - Page 18...

## Weekly Calendar From Agawam Congregational

Worship service continues at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This Sunday, April 21st, is the third Sunday of Easter. Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "You Were Ransomed By Christ," taken from 1 Peter 1:18-21, and the children's message will be "Why Should We Care?"

New members will be joining the church at this service. They are: Nan & Bruce Cone, Mary & Charles Malloy, Marty Tilden, Sharon DeMatteo, and Cindy & Bill Bruneau.

Join us in welcoming our newest members of the church.

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The one-day Vacation Bible Camp will be held on Friday, April 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Children ages three to sixth grade will be attending the "Loaves & Fishes" camp.

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Country Line Dancing continues each Friday night through May 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. "Millie and the Gang" will teach you all the new dance steps. Join in the fun, put your dancing shoes on, and stop by.

The cost is \$5 at the door. Refreshments are available, and child care is provided for an extra fee.

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A Recognition Dinner for Bob Quigley, Jr., for his 42 years of church service on the Property Committee, will be held on Saturday, April 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 each. Tickets are limited to 200, so get your tickets early. Call the church office at 786-7111.

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A Variety Auction will be held on Sunday, April 28th, following worship service and coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Items, talents, and services for the auction are needed. Call the church office for more information or to donate your items.

This is a fundraiser for camperships for children and youth. Samples of items and services for the Variety Auction: airplane rides, vacations at the Cape, gourmet dinner at home, movie passes, crafts, baked goods, and more.

If you would like to give an auction prize, please call the church office, 786-7111.

## Next Week's Events At FH Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Adult Bible Literacy class begins at 9:00 a.m., as does Sunday School for children. A morning worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Learning to Trust God." The worship service will also include a "Dedication of the T-Bears," stuffed animals collected for distribution to local nursing homes.

Children are welcome to join their parents in worship. Younger children may leave at the designated time to work on a special activity with the Youth Director, Patsy Traficante.

Nursery care will be provided as usual.

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Please note that the Stewardship and Missions Committee meeting originally scheduled for April 9th will take place instead on Monday, April 22nd, at 7:30 p.m.

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The Church Council has called a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church in Griswold Hall on Sunday, April 28, 1996 at 12:00 noon to act upon the following:

1. To hear and act on the progress report of the Building Committee.

2. To evaluate the life and missions of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

There will be a spaghetti luncheon served by the Sunday School before the meeting. Please call the church office at 786-5061 or use the sign-up sheet to make reservations (recommended but not required).

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On the calendar this week:

Sunday, April 21st: 9:00 a.m., Adult Bible Literacy/Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning worship; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Kopy Shower.

Monday, April 22nd: 5:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship & Missions Committee.

Tuesday, April 23rd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, April 24th: 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Friday, April 26th: Rev. Donaldson's day off.

Saturday, April 27th: 1:00 p.m., Youth Group painting?

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## Line Dancing At Agawam Congregational



WHAT'S ALL THAT WHOOPIN' and hollerin' going on at the Agawam Congregational Church? It's "Millie & The Gang" teaching country line dancing for folks of all ages. Come on down and join the fun! For more information, call 786-7111. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## TIMELESS TRUTH - from Page 17...

The greatest problem you or I have is our sin (our choices to go our own way, regardless of how religious we are), because sin separates us from God. We can worry about it, carry the guilt, or even try to "work it off" by doing good things, but God's solution is to bring it to Him in prayer.

When we receive the forgiveness Jesus made possible at the cross, we are made a part of God's family. As family, we are given promises from God about our lives and our future.

Frankly, if you don't have a personal, family relationship with God, you have something that is worth worrying about, but won't be solved by worry. Instead, God wants you to come to Him with your greatest need, sin, to receive His solution. When He forgives, you will realize He can be trusted with every other problem you have.

Why worry? It doesn't change anything. Take your concerns to the One who really can be trusted to do what is best, even when your car horn goes off and gets stuck while you're following a motorcycle gang!

## Calendar Of Events At Ag. United Methodist

On Sunday, April 21st, worship is at 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam United Methodist Church.

Since April 21st is the third Sunday of the month, the youth will participate and assist in bringing a spiritual message to the church.

Nursery care will be provided.

All persons are welcome to a concert at 5:00 p.m. this Sunday. The concert is being rendered by the Freedom Choir of Springfield.

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On Thursday, April 25th, the Administrative Council will meet at 7:30 p.m.

The Rummage Sale at the church will take place on Saturday, April 27th.

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## Upcoming Events For Next Week At St. David's Church

JOIN ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE RISEN LORD Jesus Christ in worship services this weekend, April 20th-21st.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service at 5:00 p.m. and a dignified traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both held at the church building, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The exuberant, contemporary service at 10:00 a.m. is held at the Agawam Middle School, and features children's Sunday School for grades Pre-K through eight, nursery care, and interpretation for the deaf. At the 10:00 a.m. service, guests from the staff of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a nationwide college ministry, will bring music and a message.

EASTER CONTINUES AT ST. DAVID'S for seven full weeks after this Sunday, until we celebrate the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost in May. Those new to the faith or those inquiring about it may want to take part in one of the numerous parish Bible studies or small groups, in order to deepen one's awareness of the Risen Jesus in our midst. Full details are available by calling the Parish Office at 786-6133.

A SEMINAR ON THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT will be held on Saturday, April 20th, in order to equip believers for their mission and ministry in Christ. Call the office and ask to be put in touch with Mary-Ann Poggi for further information.

THOSE WISHING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH are welcome to join us at a light breakfast this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at the Agawam Middle School to hear and receive information about the parish, and to have some of your questions answered.

Call Karen Davis or call us at the Parish Office if you wish to come. Newcomers who have been attending for the past year have already been invited. Please let us know if you'll be coming!

YOUTH IN GRADES 5-8 CAN ENJOY BREAKFAST at Partner's Restaurant in Feeding Hills with the St. David's Junior Youth Group. Call the parish office if coming.

AN EASTER QUIET DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE BEMENT CENTER CAMP in Charlton, Mass., consisting of three brief messages, lots of time for quiet reflection, and a delicious lunch. Contact the Parish Office for information about attending with the Pastor and perhaps others.

THE "CHRISTIAN FORMATION" CLASS has resumed on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m., focusing over the next six weeks on the cornerstones of life in Christ: worship, ministry, and fellowship. Call the office if you would like to join this class, especially if you are new to Christ or to St. David's.

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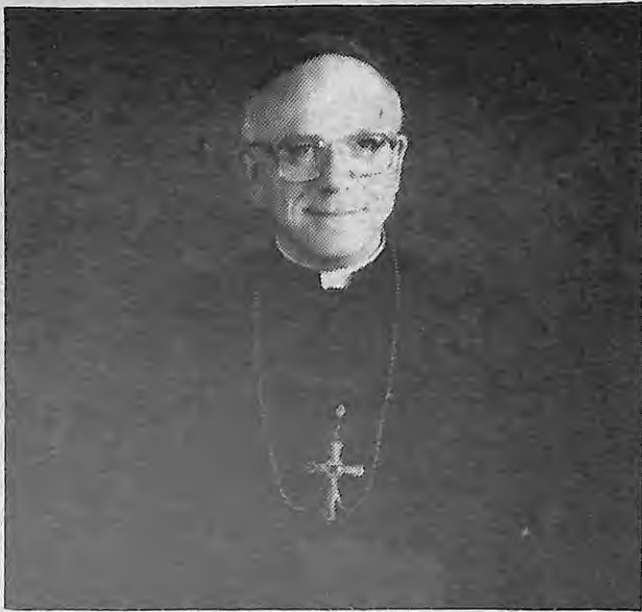








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BISHOP THOMAS DUPRE

## Bishop Thomas Dupre To Celebrate Mass At St. John's Church

Bishop Thomas Dupre will celebrate Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church on Sunday, April 21, 1996 at 2:00 p.m.

This Mass will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the very first Mass said at St. John's on Easter Sunday, April 21, 1946. A reception will follow the Mass which will be held in St. John's Parish Center.

Parishioners, friends, and guests are welcome to join in celebrating this milestone in the history of St. John the Evangelist community.

## Crossroads Christian Fellowship To Hold Service On May 5th

Crossroads Christian Fellowship with Pastor Brian Simmons announces that a Sunday Service will start on Sunday, May 5, 1996 at 5:00 p.m.

Crossroads will be using the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

For further information, please call Eleanor Rae at (413) 667-8729.

## Women's Sunday To Be Celebrated At First Baptist Church

The 9:30 a.m. worship service this Sunday morning, April 21st, will be led by the women of First Baptist Church. Ruth Roberts is chairman of the event.

The morning message will be given by Mercedes Barnes, and her topic will be "This One Thing." Special music will be provided by a women's quartet under the direction of Margaret Hill-Sarno.

Following worship, a coffee and conversation hour will be held in Davis Hall. Classes for all ages will be provided.

Also on our calendar this week:

**Sunday, April 21st:** 4:00 p.m., Pioneer Valley Spring Association Meeting, First Park Memorial Baptist Church, Springfield.

**Tuesday, April 23rd:** 10:00 a.m., Searchlights Circle meets at the home of Theda Meyer; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 4:30 p.m., Our people serve at Loaves & Fishes (meals for the homeless); 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection meets.

**Wednesday, April 24th:** 7:15 a.m., Midweek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:00 p.m., Bible Study Group (Parlor), Parenting Group (Davis Hall).

**Thursday, April 25th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

**Friday, April 26th:** 6:00 p.m., Mother & Daughter Banquet.

As noted in our calendar above, the annual Mother & Daughter Banquet will be held on Friday, April 26th, at 6:00 p.m. in Bodurtha Hall.

The cost is \$5 per person. For reservations, call 789-6476 or 786-6137 by April 21st.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of April are Gwen and Jack Magovern, 786-3542. Call them if you have concerns.

## Church Bake Sale For Bethany Assembly

A Spring Craft and Bake Sale will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, on Saturday, April 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to benefit the Bethany Assembly of God missions' program.

## Church Bake Sale



WOMEN FROM VALLEY COMMUNITY Church held a Bake Sale at Ames Department Store earlier this month. From left - Marion Binnenkade, Louise Lang, Marie Myers, and Dot Wells. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## United Methodists Plan Rummage Sale For April 27th

The Agawam United Methodist Church (across from the High School) at 459 Mill Street, Agawam, will hold its Spring Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will be clothing for the entire family, jewelry, decorative items, small appliances, and furniture for the home, books, toys, attic treasures, as well as cakes, cookies, pies, and candy made by the ladies of the church.

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**Ham & Bean Supper**



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH held a Ham & Bean Supper recently. IN TOP PHOTO, Paul & Eleanor Bishopric were part of the large group who attended; IN MIDDLE PHOTO, Percy Hastings and Shirley M. Goss were on the serving line; and IN PHOTO AT BOTTOM, Dot Jenks and Nancy Edwards helped with the dessert table. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



**Youth Group At Sacred Heart Church Plans Fourth Annual Membership Drive**

The Youth Group of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills will hold its Annual Fourth Grade Membership Drive at a Pizza Party, Sunday, May 5th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The party will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Please mark your calendars now. This invitation is for all students in the fourth grade and older.

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A Senior Citizen Retreat Day, a day of reflection and prayer, will be held Tuesday, April 30th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Mont Marie Conference Center, Holyoke.

The guest speaker will be Reverend Richard Turner, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in South Hadley.

For a registration form, call the Office of Pastoral Ministry, 732-3175, ext. 259 or 289. Registration deadline is April 23rd.

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First Communion practices for children receiving their First Communion on April 27th will be held Saturday, April 20th as follows:

10:00 a.m. for those who will receive First Communion at 10:00 a.m. on April 27th;

11:30 a.m. for those who will receive First Communion at 11:30 a.m. on April 27th;

1:00 p.m. for those who will receive First Communion at 1:00 p.m. on April 27th.

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## Reflections...

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## Establishing A Covenant

The Bible tells us about the first time a rainbow appeared in the sky. It was shortly after the massive flood of Noah's day. The people of the earth had become so corrupt that God had decided, ever so reluctantly, to flood the earth. Only Noah and his family were spared from the tragedy, floating above the floodwaters in Noah's Ark.

After the rain had ceased and the floodwaters subsided, God spoke to Noah and his sons, and established a covenant with them. God would provide for the needs of His people, while Noah and his family were expected to re-populate the earth and obey a few simple rules.

In the Old Testament days, it was common for a conquering king to establish a covenant with the inhabitants of the city he had conquered. The terms of such a covenant called for the new king to provide protection and other benefits for his new subjects, who in turn were expected to be subject to him. The conquering king would be careful not to promise more than he could deliver, lest a breaking of the covenant be his fault.

In a similar way, God wishes to establish a covenant with us. He wants to provide us protection from the dire consequences of sin, and give us the other benefits of being citizens of His kingdom. In order for God to do that, we need to allow Him to conquer us, by surrendering the control of our lives to Him.

Like the conquering kings of old, God does not promise us more than He will deliver. God never promised anyone a rose garden. However, He does promise to be with His children and see them through whatever difficulties we might experience. Becoming a Christian doesn't mean the end of one's problems or difficulties, but it does mean being blessed with heavenly grace which sustains us in the meantime.

Everybody experiences challenges in their lives. Sometimes they make sense, sometimes they don't. Sometimes troubles arise in our lives because of the actions of others. Christians can take comfort that God can use the troubles of our lives to make us into better people as our faith in Him is strengthened.

In 1 Peter, we read: "These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it." It goes on to say: "You love Him even though you have never seen Him; though not seeing Him you trust Him." One wonders if Peter was thinking back to Thomas, who had insisted on seeing Jesus' wounded hands and side before he would believe Jesus was really alive. Jesus allowed Thomas to not only see but also to touch His hands and side. Then He said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed."

Would you like to be blessed by Jesus, to be one who believes even without seeing? Would you like to know you're not alone, in both good times and bad? Trust in your heart that God wants to make a covenant with each of us, and that God always keeps His promises. Remember that, next time you see a rainbow.

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## Agawam Congregational Church Sponsoring Recognition Dinner For Bob Quigley, Jr.

The Agawam Congregational Church will be sponsoring a Recognition Dinner to honor Bob Quigley, Jr., who was the Property Chairperson of the church for 42 years.

Bob was a member of the Building Committee of the church in 1966 to help with the building of the present church. He continued to help with the upkeep of the church and has assisted with many

improvements added to the church.

His tireless energy and many hours of service have been much appreciated through the years.

Come and join us on Saturday, April 27th, at 6:30 p.m. to honor Bob for his years of service.

Tickets are \$7 for the roast beef dinner. Tickets are available at the church office, 745 Main Street. The seats are limited, so get yours today!

## Agawam United Methodist Church To Hold Spaghetti Supper On Saturday, April 20th

The Agawam Methodist Church will have a spaghetti and meatball supper on Saturday, April

20th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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# Good Friday Dedication Service At Valley Community



REVEREND STEPHEN C. DENNEHY of Valley Community Church leads a dedication service for a 16-foot cross on Good Friday, April 5th. The cross is a gift to the community from the church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A GOOD FRIDAY DEDICATION SERVICE was held on the grounds of Valley Community Church on April 5th. A 16-foot cross was the focus of the service. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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### Legal Fees And Tax Returns...

**QUESTION:** My wife and I hired an attorney in 1995 to perform some estate planning work for our family. We basically had our wills prepared, and we created an irrevocable life insurance trust. Can we deduct any of these items on our 1995 tax returns? I was told that legal fees were not deductible.

**ANSWER:** This question was recently posed to me by an Agawam resident. He contacted the Internal Revenue Service for an answer, and was told that legal fees were not deductible. Whenever you contact the Internal Revenue Service for advice, please keep two things in mind:

1. If you don't get an answer in writing, it's worthless. The recommendation made over the phone will not stand up in an audit, or in Tax Court.

2. The agent doesn't know all of the facts surrounding your situation. As a result, you will probably get a "boilerplate" answer, which isn't helpful. There are not boilerplate answers in the tax law. I've lost more sleep on seemingly simple questions than on complex ones!

There are two aspects of estate planning. The first is to ensure that property passes to heirs consistent with the client's wishes. The second is to minimize estate taxes. To the extent that the planning services do not involve tax issues, then the legal fees are generally not deductible.

For example, the legal fees for having simple wills prepared would generally not be deductible. However, if the wills have estate tax issues, then you may deduct the fees. An irrevocable life insurance trust is created to protect life insurance proceeds from estate taxes, and therefore, is deductible.

All deductions allowed are miscellaneous deductions on Schedule A, subject to the two percent of adjusted gross income limitation. **The attorney's invoice must allocate what is deductible and nondeductible.** Tax Courts have disallowed all deductions on bills that didn't separate the deductible vs. nondeductible items.

1996 Planning Note: If you're going to seek estate planning services during 1996, be sure to remind your attorney to separate the deductible vs. nondeductible items on the bill. If there are any issues with respect to what may or may not be deductible, consult a CPA or tax attorney, and get the appropriate answer in advance. Proper planning in this area could you hundreds of dollars in federal income tax.

### Ag. Industrial Park Selected As Site For Wisconsin Company

It has been announced this week by Mayor Christopher Johnson that through the combined efforts of his office, Deborah Dachos, Director of Planning and Community Development, the Westmass Area Development Corporation, and other municipal departments, that the Wisconsin-based School Specialty Company has concluded an exhaustive site search throughout the Northeast and has selected Agawam as the site for their new expanded operation.

The Company has selected a 14.69-plus acre site within the Agawam Regional Industrial Park on Almgren Drive on which to build their new 163,000 square foot facility.

Mr. David Perkins, General Manager of the current Agawam operation, has indicated that the Company intends to consolidate its operation from Maryland with the existing Agawam operation in this new structure.

All 47 existing jobs will be retained and approximately 40 new jobs will be created upon occupancy of the new facility.

School Specialty, Inc., a nationwide school supply distribution company, acquired the existing Agawam facility, New England School Supply, when it acquired Chaselle, Inc. in 1994. The current Silver Street facility has been part of Agawam's strong and diverse industrial base since 1984.

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The new facility will provide the Company with a highly efficient state-of-the-art distribution center so that the Company can continue to be competitive and grow in the years to come. School Specialty, Inc. expects to distribute school supplies throughout New England and beyond from its new expanded Agawam location.

The Mayor announced that Town Departments, Westmass, and Company representatives have already had preliminary discussions and that plans for the new facility are expected to be presented to the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission starting as early as this Thursday (April 18th). The City Council will also be asked to review and issue a revised flammable/com-bustible storage license during the month of May.

This project needs to move forward expeditiously. The Contractor for this project, The O'Leary Company, seeks to start to break ground as soon as the permits, approvals, and licenses are issued. They hope to have the entire structure enclosed in August, and the facility completely operational by January 1, 1998 ... a very aggressive schedule.

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## Bursitis Left Untreated Can Become Arthritis

Of the almost eight-million people who suffer with the recurring and agonizing pains of bursitis, chiropractic is fast becoming the treatment of choice. Chiropractors provide gentle treatment to correct the cause of this often disabling condition.

Bursitis can occur in almost any joint of the body, but the shoulder, elbow, hip, and knee are the most common areas of involvement.

The joints have a padded sac and glands which produce a fluid for lubrication. There are four small glands around the thyroid called the parathyroids which control the calcium and phosphorus levels in the blood, bones, ligaments, and joint fluids. The adrenal glands also produce cortisone, which is necessary for the surface tissue of the joints.

The delicate balance of the joint fluids and coordination of movement is controlled by the nervous system which begins in the brain and continues down the spinal cord and out between the vertebrae of the spine to the glands and joints.

Occasionally, due to trauma and/or stress, muscles along the spine will contract severely enough or long enough to pull the spine out of alignment, producing pressure on nerves to the glands and joints. Without the proper nerve supply to the various glands and joints, the amount of fluids, the viscosity (thickness) of fluids, and slipperiness of the fluids can be affected.

An example would be an automobile that is low on oil, or the oil is too thick, too thin, etc., and we drive the car at high speed or when it is very cold or for a very long distance—then we will have problems with the moving parts of the engine.

Once the normal nerve supply is restored to the joints, glands, and tissues through the gentle expertise of modern-day chiropractic, then "the power that created the body can heal the body."

If you or someone you know is suffering from the discomfort of bursitis, it more than likely is a needless suffering. Time is a friend of disease. Left untreated, bursitis can become arthritis. Call our office for an appointment today.

If you are interested in learning more about chiropractic, Dr. Nelson offers a complimentary health care class which answers many questions you may have. Our next scheduled class will be on **Wednesday, April 24th, at 7:00 p.m. at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.**

Please call our office at 786-4820 to reserve a space.

## Agawam 6th Graders To Be Offered Hepatitis B Shots

The Agawam Health Department will offer hepatitis B immunizations to Agawam Middle School sixth graders.

The immunizations consist of a series of three shots administered by Health Department personnel during school hours over a period of six months. With parental consent, students will receive the first dose on April 25th, the second on May 23rd, and the final dose in September at the Junior High School.

The vaccine, derived from brewer's yeast, has few side effects and is over 95 percent effective after three doses. The vaccine is being provided free-of-charge through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Immunization Program.

In the U.S., adolescents and young adults are at highest risk for hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. Symptoms of acute hepatitis include jaundice (yellow color of the skin and eyes), dark colored urine, fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, and nausea.

About five percent of the individuals who are infected with HBV become "chronic carriers" and can spread the infection to others throughout their lifetime. Individuals that are chronic carriers are at a markedly elevated risk of developing cirrhosis, or liver cancer.

Effective in 1996, state law will require hepatitis immunizations for entry into kindergarten for all children born on or after January 1, 1992; however, most other schoolchildren may not yet be immunized.

Although immunization is not required at this time for entry into the seventh grade, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American School Health Association all recommend immunizing 11 and 12 year-olds to protect them from potential exposure to the virus during adolescence. Sixth graders who do not receive the vaccine in school are advised to obtain it at their doctor's office.

Information packets containing hepatitis B fact sheets, pamphlets, along with a parental consent form, will be sent home with all sixth graders. Parental consent forms must be returned in order for the child to be immunized.

Anyone wishing further information may contact the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 208.

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## Food for Thought

**by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician**

### The Melatonin Miracle?

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Melatonin is a hormone your body makes. At night, your body perceives darkness and sends a signal to the brain to produce melatonin and induce sleep. In the morning, the sunlight turns down the hormone triggers.

Babies make lots of melatonin. Its production starts to fall around puberty and continues to decline as we age. So, it's no wonder that seniors often have trouble nodding off.

The connection between sleep and melatonin sparked the production of melatonin commercially. Laboratory and animal studies support the claims that melatonin can help you sleep.

Some melatonin ads claim the heavenly hormone will also lower cholesterol, prevent breast cancer, act as a birth control pill, boost immunity, and treat Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and cataracts. Some of these claims have preliminary studies to support them. However, researchers warn that more studies are necessary.

In fact, some people should avoid swallowing the melatonin pills. They include people taking steroid medication and people with severe mental illness, allergies, or auto-immune disease.

Women should avoid melatonin if they are pregnant, breast feeding, or are trying to conceive. Anyone with cancer of the immune system like leukemia or lymphoma should not take melatonin, and all children should avoid it.

The National Institutes of Health sponsors \$50 million of research on melatonin. However, we are a long way from knowing the exact benefits of the miracle aid.

If you decide to give melatonin a try, experts suggest you start with a small dose (just one milligram or less) and work your way up if necessary.

**Nancy Dell is a registered dietitian with a private practice in Feeding Hills. For information on her medical nutrition therapy, you can call (413) 786-2957.**

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## Your Back And Your Health

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## Fibromyalgia

Tight muscles that are painful to touch describes the condition called **fibromyalgia**. Symptoms may include aches and pains that limit normal activities—walking, moving your arm or hand, or even opening your mouth.

Damaged soft tissue (muscles, ligaments, and tendons) can lead to **myofascial pain syndrome (MPS)**, a common but complex problem in which muscles develop painful knots called trigger points. Chiropractic treatment offers a unique approach to diagnosing and treating this condition.

Certain regions of your body may be prone to myofascial pain due to repeated strain, poor posture, poor nutrition, or lack of exercise. When healing is delayed or incorrect, the muscle fibers may be damaged, causing pain or limited movement in your neck, back, arms, legs, or almost anywhere in your body.

Leading causes of fibromyalgia include injuries from car accidents, falls, and sports injuries. If you often work long hours without breaks, fail to exercise, and eat poorly, you are more at risk. Poor posture, sleeping on your stomach, and working at a job or hobby requiring repetitive motions are other factors.

Chiropractic evaluation includes a physical examination and helps your understand how the damage occurs. X-rays may be recommended to determine joint integrity. Treatment can relieve your pain and restore your mobility.

The **SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE** welcomes anyone who may have questions or suspects this type of health problem. Call us at (413) 789-1369.

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## Living Well...

## Swing Into Spring - Enhancing Your Golf Game With Exercises!!!

by Barb Vinciguerra, MS  
Assistant General Manager, Fitness First

In last week's article, I focused on the benefits of a strength training and flexibility program for improving your golf game. This week's focus will be on the mental side of the game.

I think that anyone who witnesses this past Sunday's Masters finish of Greg Norman would agree with me that golf is indeed a mental game. Most professionals on the tour admit that golf is about 20 percent physical and 80 percent mental.

Yet if we were to ask them how much time they spend training and practicing on the mental aspect of their game, they might say, "Oh, 10 to 20 percent of the time." The professionals in that aspect as just like the majority of amateur golfers who spend countless hours on the practice range with their woods and irons, yet we know that approximately 60 percent of all golf shots are from 100 yards and in.

There's your first mental tip—noticed I called it a practice range, not a driving range. Why do we call them driving ranges, anyway? When you go to hit balls, you should feel that you are going to a practice range; hitting with your driver all the time will probably not help you to lower your handicap (unless driving is the major weakness in your game, of course).

The next mental tip I would like to offer to you is that "practice does not make perfect"—you know that old saying. What practice does, however, is that it makes whatever technique that you have been practicing, permanent. What do I mean by that? Many of us go to the practice range or golf course and try to self-teach ourselves or ask or are

offered advice by others regarding our golf game.

Did you ever notice that people are always so eager to give advice on how to swing or how to putt? When you need tax advice or you're sick, do you ask a friend or spouse, or, do you go see an accountant or a doctor in those instances? If you truly want to improve your golf game then seek out the advice of a PGA or LPGA Certified Teaching Pro.

Even the best players on the LPGA, PGA, and Senior Tour work with instructors. Why shouldn't you? They can work with you to help make the practice that you engage in "perfect practice" which will hopefully help to make your game closer towards perfect." As the great sport psychologist Dr. Bob Rotella admits, however, "Golf Is Not A Game Of Perfect."

Sport Psychology or performance enhancement is not just for the professional golfer. Anyone can benefit from using mental techniques to improve their games. Most of the individuals on the professional tour work with a consultant to help them improve their mental game. They know how important it is to their success. If you want to learn more about improving your golf game by improving your mental game come to *Golf '96* on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Fitness First (please call to reserve a spot) or give me a call at 786-1460. Here's to a great year of golf in '96.

\* Barb works as a performance enhancement specialist with many athletes and golfers and is also the Assistant Sport Psychology Consultant for the 1996 United States Olympic Field Hockey Team.

## Stroke Support At Mercy Hospital

The Stroke Support Group, sponsored by the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital, will meet April 22nd, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group's free monthly meetings offer information and fellowship for persons who have had a stroke, their families, and friends.

For more information, call Mollie Braverman, (413) 748-6894.



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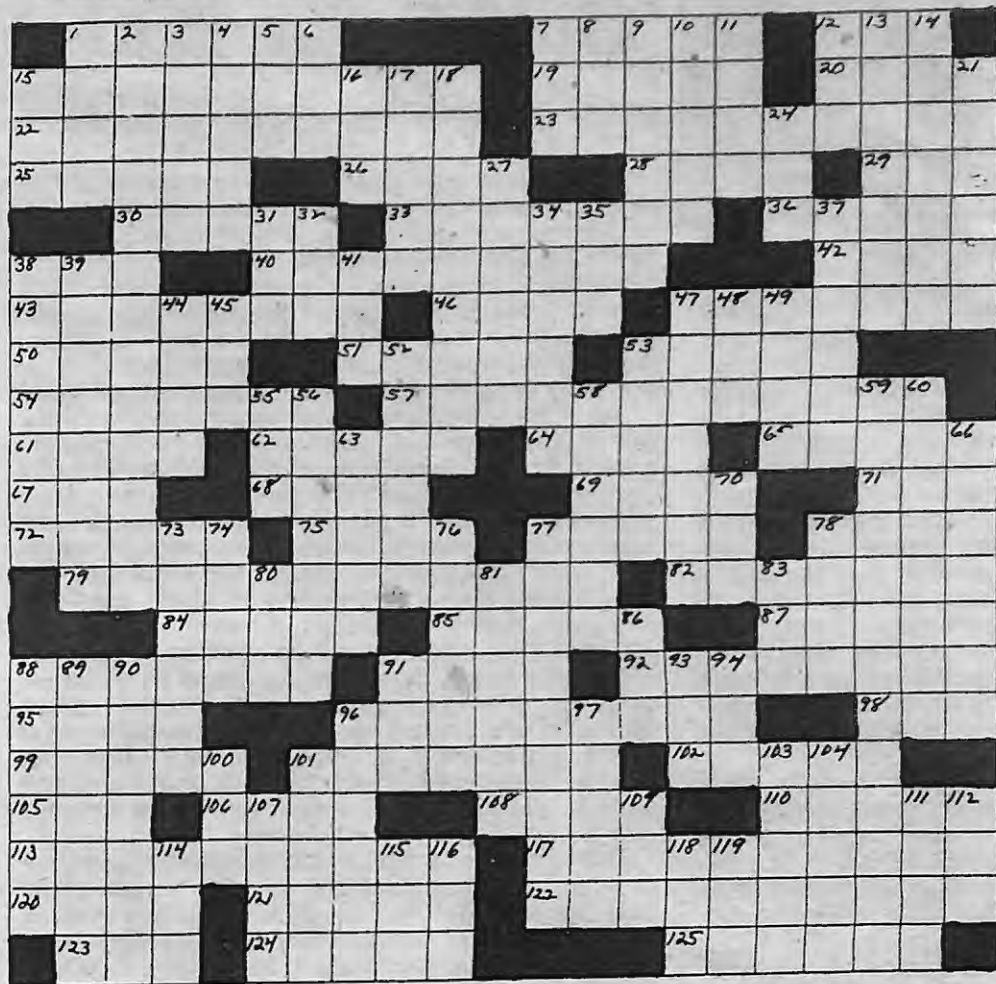
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## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



## Ag. Library Has Class In WordPerfect

The Agawam Public Library will give four computer classes on the usage of WordPerfect 6.0 for Windows.

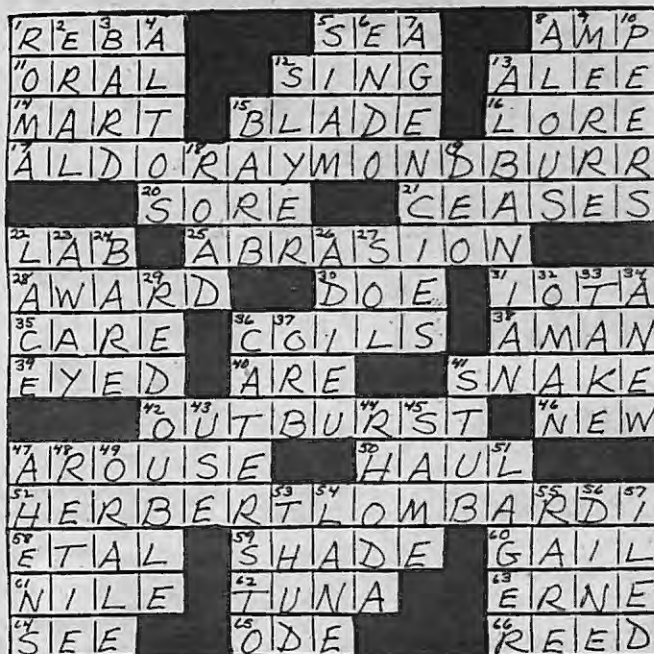
The dates for the classes are Thursday, May 2nd; Thursday, May 9th; and Thursday, May 16th, from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. The library will also give an additional class on Thursday, May 16th, from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to attend must sign-up by stopping by the library or calling 789-1550. Classes are limited to 10 people.

The classes will be held in the library's Green Room.

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## "Dragon On The Wind" To Premiere At Red Door Theatre

"The Dragon On The Wind," adapted from some ancient Japanese folk tales written for the stage by Lyle Pearsons, will be presented at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, on April 19th and 20th at 7:30 p.m., and April 20th and 21st at 2:00 p.m.

The play concerns a Japanese kite-maker whose rude behavior to the villagers gets him into trouble with some prankster gods. When the kite-maker deceives the local townsfolk by telling them that a dragon will rise from their nearby lake, everyone turns out to see it ... including the emperor! The kite-maker is suddenly caught in his own trip and must find a way out.

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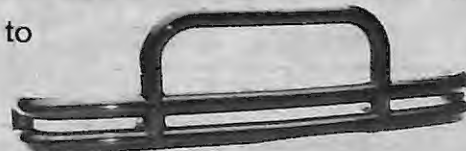
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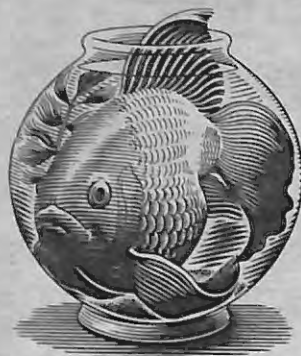
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## Education

### Advanced Classes At Agawam High Prove To Be Worth Effort

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

A sense of good-natured professional rivalry and respect for each other's successes permeates the conversation when the teachers of the Advanced Placement Program at Agawam High School discuss their work.

They can't agree on which academic discipline has the most challenging coursework or the most rigorous testing in the AP Program. But, they are enthusiastically unanimous about one thing: the students who accept the challenge of performing college level work while still in high school are better prepared for college and are more attractive candidates for admission to highly-competitive colleges and universities.

AHS students can opt for advanced placement courses that can be counted for college credit in English, Calculus, American History, European History, Biology, Physics, and Chemistry.

Each course follows the same curriculum being taught in high schools across the country. Each spring, the students can choose to take a standardized test to qualify for having their work accepted for college credit. Tests are scored 1 to 5. Most colleges and universities will give credit for scores of 3 and above, and students can be excused from re-taking coursework outside their major field of study.

But, the greatest benefit for AP students may not be getting a leg up on their college work. AP courses on a student's transcript can be the deciding factor in gaining admission to selective colleges and in receiving the scholarship assistance necessary to make it possible for a student to attend.

AP physics teacher Arthur Gage said because the AP courses use the same curriculum nationwide, college admissions officers know exactly what preparation the student has received (unlike other courses which vary from school to school and teacher to teacher).

According to AP calculus teacher Leo Burque, even students who fail advanced placement courses are more attractive candidates to college admissions officers. "They know that the student who tried a more difficult course is going to be the kind of student they are looking for."

Every year, AP biology teacher Richard Joseph has some students who may have done better in a less challenging program. For their willingness to take a risk in tackling a college level course, Joseph said, "I admire them. We have kids every year who don't pass and they're still learning a lot of biology."

#### AP Classes Are Not Just For Seniors...

While many students think the AP Program is only open to seniors, the classes are open to all students and there are no entrance requirements.

SEE ADVANCED - Page 32...



**MEMBERS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) English class of faculty member Larry O'Brien pose in front of the school's main lobby showcase that features scenes from *Dante's Inferno*.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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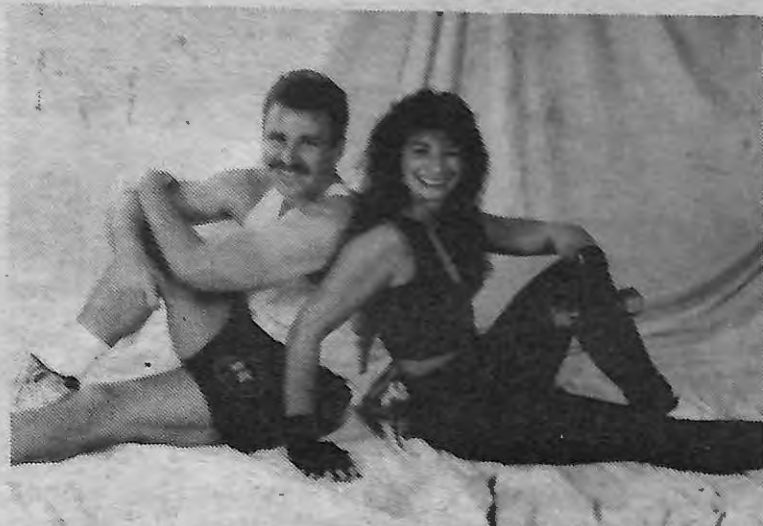


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LAUREN WELSH

## "Art Students Of The Month" At Ag. High & Junior High School

Lauren Welsh, the Agawam High School artist for the month of March, is a Junior. She resides with her mother, Mrs. Charlene Adamski, in Agawam. Her father is Robert Welsh of Suffield.

Lauren is very talented and loves to draw and paint on any surface she can get her hands on, including her bedroom walls (which she said are filled with butterflies). She has also changed the look of some of the furniture in her room to match the walls.

She loves butterflies because they are so beautiful and free. She said if she gets real adventurous, she makes her own clothes, as she likes to design and sew.

Her favorite new way to pass time is knitting, a craft she learned in her present art class with Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal of the high school art department.

Pearl Jam is her favorite band. She plans to attend an art school when she graduates and major in crafts.

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Our Art Honor Roll from the Ag. Junior High this month includes **Kerry McGeoghan**, an eighth grade student of Mr. Andrew Kraus, and **Urzula Nowik**, a seventh grade student of Mrs. Debora Florek.

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**MEMBERS OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT team at Agawam High School, from left - Larry O'Brien, English; Richard Joseph, biology; Lynn Litchfield, US History; Leo Burke, calculus; and Arthur Gage, physics. Missing: Wayne Morse, European history. Advertiser**

News photo by Jack Devine.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT - from Page 30..

However, it is recommended that students take pre-calculus math before signing on for the advanced calculus program.

AP English teacher Lawrence O'Brien said anyone who wants a challenging course and is prepared to work would be a good candidate for the program.

This year the teachers report an unusually large enrollment in the advanced classes.

With two sections of AP English, O'Brien said, "This is the largest enrollment I've had. I like to think my class has a good reputation and the kids enjoy the course."

Teaching AP U.S. History for the first time, Lynn Litchfield said she would like to see the course taught as a two-year course as it is in many other school districts.

Mrs. Litchfield said AHS students are at a disadvantage when taking the tests which normally cover United States history through the late 1960's. "To cover that much in one year is virtually impossible," she said.

Overall, the students who opt to take the AP

tests compare favorably with national averages, and AHS student scores on the AP tests are the highest of all the standardized testing used to measure student progress.

Gage, who tutors Longmeadow students in AP physics, said AHS students in the AP biology program score higher than the Longmeadow students. Scores of 4 and 5 are not uncommon for AHS students, he said.

The teachers agreed that students often choose not to take the AP tests because of the high cost. At \$72 per test, the cost can be prohibitive, especially for students taking more than one advanced placement course. It is not uncommon for students to take two or three advanced courses.

"At \$72, it's getting more expensive," O'Brien said. "Most school systems pay the whole fee, hoping that the cost won't be a factor in the kids' decision whether to take the test."

In Longmeadow, the school department gives a discount to students taking two tests and a further discount for students taking three tests, Gage said.

## Agawam High Band Parents Plan Benefit Auction For April 26th

Rose Rossi plans to do her annual fundraiser for the Agawam Band. This year's auction is scheduled for Friday, April 26th, and will be held in the Agawam High School Cafeteria. The preview will be at 5:00 p.m., followed by a 6:00 p.m. auction.

Many items have been donated for this event. Some of the highlights include: a membership to the AAA, games from Milton Bradley, tickets to the Pittsfield Mets, autographed Celtics poster,

bus tickets to New York City, StageWest tickets, a brand new gas grill from Baystate Gas, brunch for two at the Sheraton, a signed Bruins puck, and gift certificates from several local businesses.

Refreshments will be available and there will be no buyer's premium. Anyone with questions or donations may contact Tammy Watson at Agawam High School, 789-1400, ext. 410.

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## School Committee Delays Vote On Kindergarten Plan

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At its April 9th meeting, the School Committee voted to table member Rosemary Sandlin's proposal that would give working families preference in filling the limited number of peer partner slots in the All-Day Kindergarten Program that integrates handicapped children with regular education students.

Mrs. Sandlin, who supported the idea of all-day kindergarten during the fall election campaign, said she has received many calls from working parents who want all-day kindergarten for their children.

Most of the town's kindergartners attend school half days, but the integrated kindergarten classes at Clark School and Phelps School offer an all-day program to 18 non-disabled peer partners, who make up about half of the class. Currently, the peer partners are chosen by a lottery system if more than 18 children sign-up for the program.

Mrs. Sandlin said her resolution was an attempt to use the all-day slots the town currently has for non-disabled youngsters to help two-parent families with both parents working full-time, and single parents who are working full-time.

Under Mrs. Sandlin's proposal, any slots not used by working families could be filled through the lottery system.

School Committee member Teresa Kozloski said the plan would discriminate against the parents who are not working outside the home.

"If you're a homemaker, you're working at home," Mrs. Kozloski said. "Here we would really be discriminating. To me, the way the system is now is the fairest way with the children being chosen by lottery."

Mrs. Sandlin denied having a hidden agenda in bringing her proposal forward.

"My goal is that all children should have access to full-time kindergarten. I'm looking to start working toward helping the parents who need the help," Mrs. Sandlin said.

### Legal Opinion Sought

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson suggested tabling the measure until a legal opinion could be obtained from School Department Attorney John Teahan.

Johnson said he wanted to have Teahan look into the possibility that a policy favoring working parents could discriminate against poor people.

As a class, poor people are protected from being discriminated against. Johnson said a policy that discriminates against non-working parents could be discriminating against a protected class as poor people are not as likely to be working.

Johnson also expressed a concern that the language of the resolution needed to be more specific in defining what is meant by a full-time job. Johnson said Town Hall employees do not work a 40-hour work week and yet they are considered full-time employees.

## Cory Lavalette Named To College Award

Cory Lavalette, a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School, will receive the George Jones/RSI Outstanding PRI/J Freshman Award.

Cory was selected by a unanimous vote of the faculty at Utica College of Syracuse University. The award is based on excellent academic record, demonstrated research and writing skills, and the belief that he has the personal qualities for success in his chosen field.

Lavalette will be pursuing a degree in Journalism. He is the son of Richard and Charlotte Lavalette of 185 High Street, Agawam.

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## Local Students Attain Dean's List Standing At Various Colleges

The following colleges and universities have announced that students from Agawam and Feeding Hills have been named to their respective Dean's Lists:

### JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

FROM AGAWAM: Christopher Hayes, 38 Chestnut Lane, a Culinary Arts major; Dominic Maloni, 32 Losito Lane, a Culinary Arts major.

### WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE

FROM AGAWAM: Roy P. Longley (Economics); Jeffrey S. Morassi (Elementary Education); Richard E. Carra (Computer Information Systems); Jeffrey W. Campbell (Criminal Justice); Joseph A. Loudfoot (Business Management); Scott Mackin (Biology); Yolanda I. Clarmatori (Elementary Education); Emanuel Poulos, Jr. (Mass Communications); Cathy Ann Zarembo (History).

FROM FEEDING HILLS: Brian K. Hill (Business Management); Mark W. Deveno (Criminal Justice); Kerry Klett (Elementary Education); Christine M. Hatzipetro (Psychology); Keith R. Rudzik (Criminal Justice); Joseph C. Bianca (Criminal Justice); Kathleen A. Hudzikiewicz (Political Science); Jill C. Robb (Mass Communications); Tammy A. Leary (Psychology); Jaime L. Rendrick (Business Management).

### UTICA COLLEGE

FROM AGAWAM: Cory Lavalette (Journalism).

## Boy Scout Troop 75 Plans Bottle Drive For Sat., April 27th

Boy Scout Troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills will hold a bottle and can recycling drive on Saturday, April 27th in the parking lot of Soda & Pet Food City, 11 Ramah Circle North in Agawam, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the drive will be used to purchase camping equipment for the scouts to use in their outdoor program.

Bottles and cans may be brought directly to Soda & Pet Food City for donation to Troop 75, or given to any adult or scout member of the troop in advance of the drive. For information about additional drop-off locations or to arrange to have bottles and cans picked up, contact Bill or Barbara Campanella at 786-4033.

Also scheduled to help raise funds for the troop is a Car Wash to be held Saturday, May 11th in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church. Watch for details to come.

## Top Phys. Ed Students



MATT POIRIER and TIFFANY BLACKMAN have been named "Physical Education Students of the Month" at the Agawam Junior High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## School Committee Plans Workshop On Professional Develop.

The Agawam School Committee will hold a special workshop meeting on professional development on Saturday, April 27th at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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## LEGAL AD

## AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Agawam School Committee will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 1997 School Budget on Tuesday, April 23, 1996 at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Time: 8:00 P.M.

Published: April 18, 1996





## AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen  
Acting Director  
AHS Guidance Dept.

### Choices

The word choices has been ringing in my mind lately. Students are coming to see us about their post high school plans. Is college in their future? Is a vocational school in their future? Is a job in their future? CHOICES

A student comes into my office. He's failing a course. It's the beginning of the course. Should he drop it or hang in there? CHOICES

A divorced parent calls me on the phone. The child wishes to move from one parent's home to another, from one community to another. Should the child move or stay? CHOICES

A child on the playground starts harassing another child. A third child witnesses this. Should he intervene? Should he tell a teacher or a parent? CHOICES

A teacher has rules for the class. Mitigating circumstances have occurred that could allow the teacher to make an exception in the case of a student. Should this be done? CHOICES

Vacation time is coming for a husband, yet it begins before school vacation. It's a rare occurrence when the family can spend quality time together. But the student should be attending school. What to do? CHOICES

A girl is at a party. She's feeling uptight and shy. She looks at her friend who is having a wonderful time—laughing, interacting with everyone. Another person approaches her and offers her some weed ... guaranteed, she is told, to make her have fun, too. Should she take it? CHOICES

A person is working in a job. Each day he comes home tired, upset and frazzled. Yet, the money is needed. Should he quit? Should he hang in there? Should he seek other options? CHOICES

I could go on and on, but I think you get the picture. All of life is made up of choices. How we deal with those choices directly affects our lives. It is important to realize that every choice has a consequence. Do we want to own and wear that consequence? CHOICES

If we choose to just keep putting off making a decision, making a choice, then the problem will continue. We can choose to be part of the problem (e.g., failing, using, abusing, etc.) or part of the solution (e.g., cleaning up our act and changing). The CHOICE is ours.

No one can really make us choose anything without our consent, but once we consent to the choice it's ours. What if it's a bad choice? I always tell my students that from every choice, there is a consequent learning experience. If the choice is a bad one, at least we've learned that it is and then we are able to regroup, and make a different choice. But the main thing is, we must make choices.

Life is about choices. If we do not make choices, we stay stagnant, we often stay unhappy, we feel stuck ... but after all, aren't we really making the CHOICE to be that way?

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## "Chorus Time" At Agawam High School



VARIOUS CHORUSES from the Agawam School Department participated in the CHORUS TIME Program at Agawam High School recently. Members of the Middle School Chorus are pictured in both photos during their performances. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 35. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## "Chorus Time" By Agawam Public Schools



AGAWAM HIGH FACULTY MEMBER Steven Files (in front of piano) leads the school's chorus in performance during the recent CHORUS TIME Program held in the High School auditorium. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, April 22nd:** Steamed frankfort in roll, oven potato puffs, Boston baked beans, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, April 23rd:** Hamburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned niblet corn, fresh Mac apple, milk.

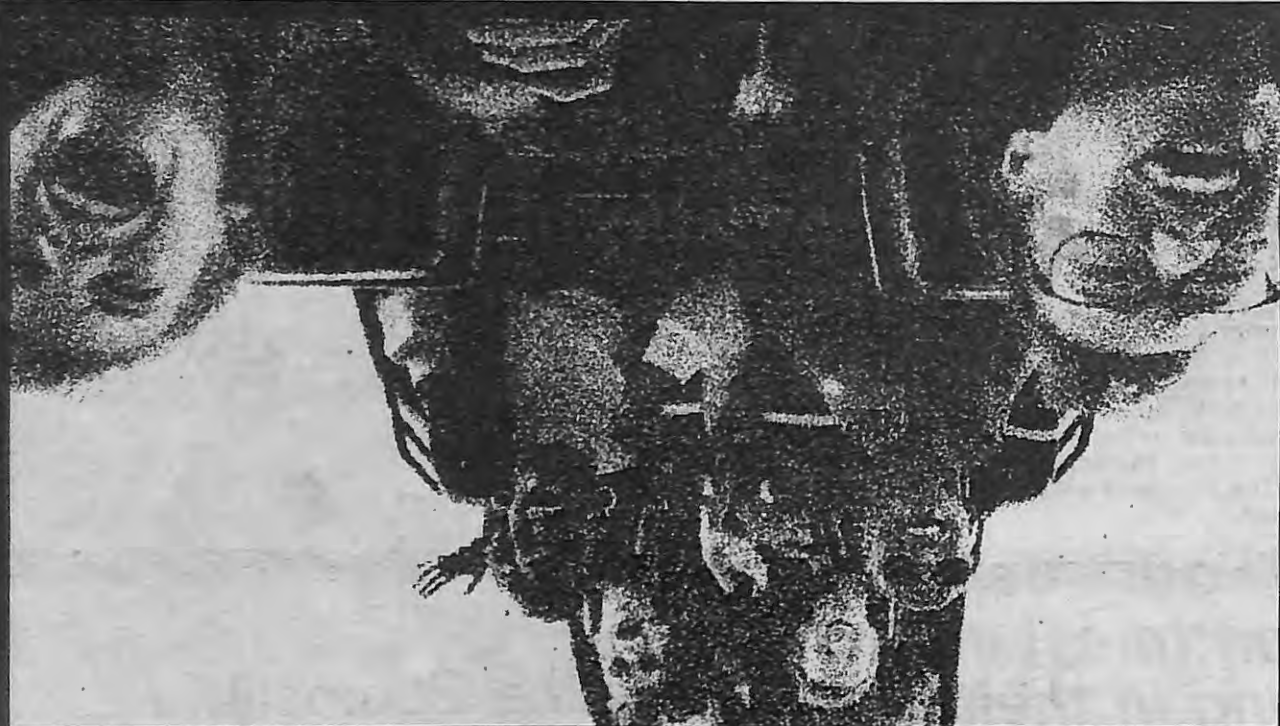
**Wednesday, April 24th:** Baked rotini with meatsauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread & butter, chilled peaches or jello, milk.

**Thursday, April 25th:** Diced chicken with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned diced carrots & sweet peas, wheat bread & butter, apple spice cake, milk.

**Friday, April 26th:** Chilled orange juice, veal patty parmesan sandwich, seasoned green beans, pudding with topping, milk.

\* REMINDER: Elementary lunch is \$1. Tickets **must be purchased** on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: **The Agawam School Lunch.**

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The whole group had a chance to show their talents doing the Hokey-Pokey, as well as, trying a backward skate. A special "Friendship" skate paired Girl Scouts who met for the first time. The entire evening went well and from the smiling faces it was evident that a good time was had by all!

Each Troop designed and decorated a tree branch. A few Troops that couldn't attend the event joined in the spirit by making a tree, too. The trees were displayed along the back of the rink creating a "mini forest" for the enjoyment of all. Each decorated tree was given a "theme" name.

The names of the trees were: "Daisies Come In All Different Shapes," by Daisy Troop 554; "Think Spring," by Daisy Troop 538; "Who's That Girl?" by Daisy Troop 566; "Special Me," by Daisy Troop 562; "Let's Bloom," by Daisy Troop 561; "All About Me," by Brownie Troop 542; "Colors and Shapes," by Brownie Troop 525; "Girl Scout Pet Tree," by Brownie Troop 585; "Now and Later," by Brownie Troop 579; "I Am Special," by Brownie Troop 581; "Signs of Spring," by Brownie Troop 545; "Try-Its We've Earned," by Brownie Troop 586; "The Tree of My Choice," by Brownie Troop 564; "Save Our Oceans," by Brownie Troop 567; "Growing Up Tree," by Brownie Troop 580; "The Bunny Tree," by Brownie Troop 587; "Growing Up Tree," by Brownie Troop 582; "What I Want To Be When I Grow Up," by Brownie Troop 583; "Girl Scout Cookies," by Brownie Troop 551; "The Talents Tree," by Brownie Troop 558; "Brownie Spoon Tree," by Brownie Troop 584; "Hand to Hand, Friend to Friend," by Junior Troop 540; "Shooting Stars," by Junior Troop 563; "International Flags," by Junior Troop 547; "The Cool Cookie Tree," by Junior Troop 549; "Time Capsule," by Junior Troop 556; "Self-Esteem Tree," by Junior Troop 553; and "Our Egg Tree," by Cadette Troop 552.

A sheet with the tree names was given to each Scout. The girls had fun on a scavenger hunt seeing if they could find all of the different trees.

In addition, a larger tree was set up on the skate floor for the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund Collection. Each Girl Scout brought a dollar bill made into an Origami shape attached to a string. During one of the skates, they had a chance to



AGAWAM GIRL SCOUTS enjoy a day at the Agawam Rollaway recently. From left - Emily Agustynowicz, Laura Bovat, Lynn Bovat, Amanda Bovat, Elizabeth Barker, Ashley Wolos, Natasha Eagan, Emily Lathrop, and Nora O'Connell. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

place their special "ornament" on the tree. Not only did we see many unusual and creative shapes, a total of \$234 was donated to the fund.

Some of the trees will be on display at the Agawam Public Library during the month of April. Stop by and see them and you'll also see a "mini" version of the dollar tree.

A special Thank-You is extended to the Rollaway for sponsoring the event and to all the people who gave of their time and talents in planning, preparing, and cleaning up when all said and done! Without you, this event would not have been possible!

Just a reminder, this year a special Girl Scout dance, "Rockin' and Rollin' to the Oldies," is going to be held at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam on Friday, April 19th (school vacation). Mark your calendars. There will be two sessions; the earlier session from 5:30-7:30 p.m., with a dance instructor, for the younger Girl Scouts and the later session from 8:00-10:00 p.m., with Karaoke, for the older Scouts. All the Girls are requested to be accompanied by an adult. The cost is only \$5 per person with a \$10 limit per family. The proceeds will go to the Annual Giving Campaign.

## Clowning Around...



MEATBALL & TOPPER the Clowns recently entertained students at James Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Car Wash Planned

Cub Scout Pack 78 of Feeding Hills will hold their annual car wash in the Partners Restaurant parking lot, located at 485 Springfield Street, Agawam, on Saturday, April 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This year, the Scouts will also be holding a newspaper and refundable bottle/can recycling drive. These items can be dropped off during the car wash.

The recycling drive is being run by Den 1 Webelos as part of their Conservation Award requirement. Half of the money raised from the recycling drive will be donated to the Agawam/ West Springfield Open Pantry.

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# Sports



**SIX GOOD REASONS** why the Agawam High varsity girls' softball team will be right in the thick of things in 1996 when defending their 1996 Western Mass. Division I title. From left -Steph Biza, Becky Wing (captain), Coach Debbie Lickley, Courtne Hyland (captain), Laura Rapa, and Erica Pratt (captain). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## It Wasn't Pretty, But Brownie Girls Begin Defense Of Softball Title With 10-6 Win

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High School girls' softball team began defense of its Western Mass. crown last Friday afternoon. The opposition was supplied by visiting Northampton. And the Brownie faithful were treated to a 10-6 Agawam win, that, as Coach Debbie Lickley admitted, wasn't necessarily pretty.

But then, you don't win on style points in this particular sport.

The Blue Devils scored in their half of the first inning. Lindsay Abbot, using a lead-off single to get aboard, took second on a sac bunt, and came home on an error. It would be one of three errors the Brownies would commit in the game.

Agawam came up trailing 1-0, a deficit that was quickly erased on an Erica Pratt (2-3, 1 run scored, 1 RBI) single (after a Kristen Patterson pop-up). A Courtne Hyland (0-4, 2 runs scored) walk and a Jeanne O'Neil (0-4, 2 runs scored) force (that saw Pratt get nailed at third), set the table for Amber Conte (1-4, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI's). She singled home Hyland and O'Neil. Conte was driven in by Steph Biza (1-2, 1 RBI). It stood at 3-1, Agawam after one frame.

Neither team scored in the second. But Northampton recorded two more unearned runs in the third. They got them courtesy of a throwing error and a passed ball. Senior pitcher Laura Rapa (7 IP, 8 hits, 2 K's, 4 walks, 6 runs, 2 earned) shook off the miscues, however, and punched out pitcher Jen O'Connell with runners on first and second, getting out of a jam not of her making.

Agawam bageled the bottom of the third. And neither club could put anything up in the fourth.

### All Tied Up In The Fifth

They came into the fifth tied at 3-3. 'Hamp, hitting Rapa hard with a single, triple, and another single, got its only two earned runs of the game.

To her credit, Lickley left Rapa in the game, demonstrating to everybody the faith she has in her veteran pitcher. Rapa once again extricated herself from trouble, leaving it up to her mates to erase the sudden 5-3 Blue Devil lead.

The bottom of the fifth was a complete nightmare for Northampton. It seemed as though their defense had switched sides, because they made four glaring errors which led to four Agawam unearned runs.

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## Jacobsen K's 13 As Brownies Blank EL, 6-Zip

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' baseball team got its second win of the season last Friday afternoon, 6-0 over East Longmeadow. The master chef in the Brownie bagel job was ace Jon Jacobsen. The big right-handed senior punched out 13 batters, allowed only three hits, two of which were infield singles. He walked two in his seven innings of work.

It was Jake's second win of the season against no losses. In his 11 innings of work so far this year, he's struck out 22, allowed three runs, two of which were earned.

"This is my second year as head coach of this team. And I've never seen Jon throw better than he did today," Coach Boo Smith commented after the game.

Jacobsen explained, "I've been working hard on my motion. I was letting the ball go a bit behind my body. Now, I'm driving through with my arm. I'm getting more velocity."

Indeed, he said he'd been clocked at 85 miles an hour in training camp. "He was throwing all of that today, maybe even more," Smith observed.

And the big guy had something to complement his laser beam heater - a curve that looked as though it was dropping off the edge of a table. Those two offerings had the opposition continually off balance throughout the game. Jacobsen threw 104 pitches, 69 of them were strikes.

### Domaingue Leads Attack

He got some help, too, in the form of an 11-hit attack, led by senior second baseman Mike Domaingue (3-3, 3 runs scored, 1 RBI, 2 stolen bases), senior centerfielder Jim Baldyga (2-4, including a double, 1 RBI), and senior third baseman Dom Pisano (2-3, including a double, 1 RBI).

Catcher Chris Chechile (1-2) had an RBI double in the second. Unfortunately, the senior had to leave in the fifth with a thumb injury on his glove hand. Smith said it wasn't serious and doesn't expect Chechile to miss any further playing time because of it.

The Brownies had three stolen bases, two by Domaingue and one by Jay Malone. "We have to manufacture some runs," Smith said. "It would be nice if we could win some games 12 to nothing. But I don't think that's going to happen, so we have to be aggressive on the base paths."

Agawam's record, at this writing, stands at 2-1.

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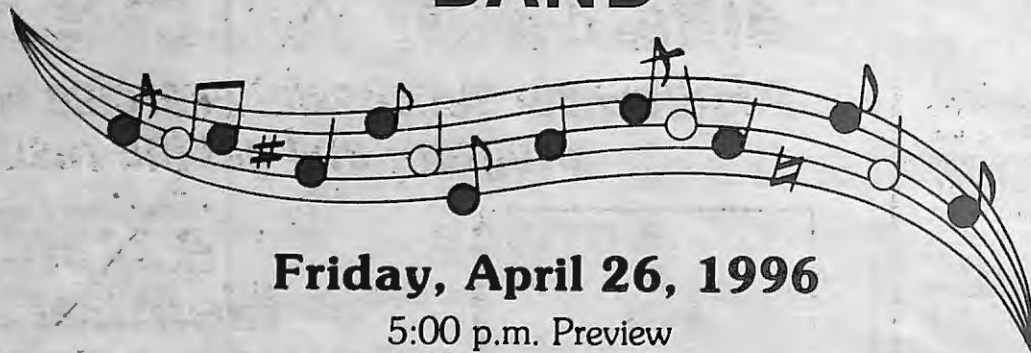
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Patterson led off and got on when her grounder was booted at third. She then stole second on a ball partially bobbled by the catcher. Then she stole third, rattling the 'Hamp defenders a bit more.

Pratt got on courtesy of a throwing error. Patterson came home. Pratt, on second, took third on a passed ball. Hyland walked and stole. Pratt came home and got nailed on a delay. An error at short got O'Neil to first. Another error at third on a slow Conte grounder saw the ever aggressive Hyland cross the plate, followed closely by O'Neil.

The Blue Devils were completely bedeviled by now, and were treating the ball like it was a live grenade. Second baseman Becky Wing topped off the scoring with a gap triple to left-center to score Conte. Agawam led, 7-5 after five.

'Hamp, still reeling from the fury of the fifth, could do nothing in its half of the sixth.

The Brownies, however, were not quite done tightening up the screws on the Devils. A seventh inning leadoff walk to Stephanie Fleming (0-1, 1 run scored) followed by a Patterson single put two on with not outs. Pratt singled. All three ended up scoring.

Northampton scored another unearned run on an outfield communications breakdown in the bottom of the seventh to make the final, 10-6 Brownies.

Rapa got the win, Agawam's record stood at 1-0.



**MEMBERS OF THE 1996 Agawam High girls' varsity softball team. Back row, from left -Adrienne O'Quinn, Jeanne O'Neil, Amy Mastroianni, Amber Conte, Steph Biza, Andrea Nolan, Laura Rapa, Melissa Troie, Danielle Curley, and Coach Debbie Lickley. Front row -Kristen Patterson, Becky Wing, Courtnie Hyland, Erica Pratt, and Steph Fleming. Advertiser**

News photo by Jack Devine.

## 100 Inning Baseball Game Again Being Featured As Fundraiser At AHS

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Perhaps one of the most creative fundraising events at Agawam High School will take place on Saturday, April 20th at Harmon Smith Field. It will be the Second Annual 100 Inning Baseball Game.

The premise is simple: starting at nine in the morning, members of the Agawam High varsity, junior varsity, and freshman baseball teams will take the field and play baseball for 100 innings. "That's right," varsity Coach Boo Smith said. "It will be 100 innings, no more, no less. We'll give the fans and the people who sponsor the event their money's worth."

The point of the exercise is simple as well - raising money for the baseball program at the school. That was done by members of the three teams. They went out and sold inning sponsorships, which ran from a penny up to a quarter an inning. That translates into a dollar sponsorship for the 100 innings up to \$25 for the entire event. "We did well last year," Smith noted. "We've been having success this time around, too."

All the money raised will go towards funding for the 1996 baseball team.

### New Wrinkles For This Year's Event

Some new wrinkles have been added for the event. The last 100 inning game involved just the game itself. It was exciting in its own right. But now the fans will have a chance to get involved. "For a dollar, a person can get an at-bat against the team," Smith said. "They'll be hitting against a pitcher who'll be throwing from the mound, so it will be regulation distance."

The pitchers will be members of the three coaching staffs. All of them have a great deal of baseball experience. Many of them played schoolboy ball and saw competition at the college and semi-pro level.

Will those fans who step into the box see high heat, roundhouse curves, nasty sliders, or fluttering knuckleballs? Smith laughed, "I don't think so. Most of us lost our stuff long ago. They'll get a chance to get in some good cuts at the ball."

And as if an appearance at the plate wasn't enough, something else has also been added. "We're going to have a home run derby," Smith said.

The batting cage will be set up on another part of the baseball field. The fences will be the same distance as leftfield at Fenway - about 315-feet away for both left-handed and right-handed hitters. The pitcher (one of the coaches) will throw from a spot a bit closer than regulation 60 feet, six inches. They'll try to send it right down Broadway, so everyone will get a decent shot at a "tater" or two, or three.

It will cost \$2 for 10 swings, if you want to step in and make like Jose Canseco or Albert Belle.

Smith also noted that the fans are invited to bring their portable grills and enjoy a barbecue while watching the festivities. The players will be taking donations right up until game time. Smith also noted that he'll take sponsorships over the phone. He can be reached at 567-1460.

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## AHS Boys' & Girls' Tennis Begin Season With Good Showings Against Holyoke

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' and boys' tennis teams finally got their 1996 seasons underway last Friday. They played Holyoke. The girls were at home. The boys took to the road. And while they played in different places, the outcome was the same - each lost to the Purple Knights.

The girls started their match out on a positive note. Brownie number one singles player Katia Prolongeau beat Holyoke's Nora Hamel in three sets, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2. It was a controlled, steady match. Prolongeau had her way with Hamel in the first set, using solid ground strokes to keep her opponent on the run and off balance. She let down a bit in the second set to enable Hamel to claw back and win it in a tie-break. "Katia buckled down in the third set," Agawam girls' Coach Mary Wolochowicz noted. "She was hitting drives that turned into winners."

The second singles involved Agawam's Kirsten Decoteau against Maria Morin. Morin is a senior with a great deal of experience. She utilizes that experience by playing like a human backboard. In other words, she returns just about everything you can hit at her. Decoteau got a bit frustrated and lost the match 6-1, 6-2. She tried to move the ball from side to side. And some of the rallies lasted seven or eight shots. But Morin got the ball over the net one more time than Decoteau.

Betsy Gervais plays third singles for the Brownies. She met Brynn Feyre in her match. It was a squeaker. Both players were virtually equal on the court and showed the same style and determination. The score reflected that in a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 Holyoke win. "A shot here and there could have made a difference in this one," Wolochowicz noted.

Agawam's first doubles team of Selena Machia and Kelly Stoddard lost their match by Kiely Rigali and Alyssa Lavelle. The score was 6-3, 6-4. But it was fast paced and competitive. The Agawam players hit some excellent shots. Occasionally, though, they went for a bit more angle or pace than they could handle. Those points helped in the Purple Knight victory.

The second doubles pitted Agawam's Meguni Isogai and Courtney Locke against Alexa Rigali and Kristin Baush. Holyoke won, 6-3, 6-3. It was the first match playing together for the Agawam kids. And they didn't have much practice time to

prepare for it. Considering all that, the coach was pleased by their performance.

Overall, Ms. Wolochowicz saw some positive things from her players. "Katia played very well. We just have to get a little more experience in our doubles matches."

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The boys came close to winning their match against the Purple Knights. The number one singles contest could have done it. In a great outing, Agawam's Jeff Lyman just lost to Jeff Cook, 6-7 (7-5), 6-2, 4-6. The match was well played by each kid. The ground strokes were crisp. Lyman's serve was working well. His fine comeback in the second set was encouraging for first year Brownie boys' Coach Bill Spear. "It all came down to a matter of a few points," he noted.

The Brownies notched a 6-4, 6-2 win in the second singles, courtesy of Michael Freeman. He overpowered his opponent, Mike Marvel, with punishing ground strokes. He hit his spots, volleyed well, and varied his attack.

Agawam's Ted Lee lost to John Marvel, 6-1, 6-4 in third singles. Lee was hurt by his slow start in the first set. But he hitched it up and made the second set interesting. His volleys were working in the second. A few shots here or there could have sent it into a third set.

Agawam's Kyle Rossi and Bill Bellico won their number one doubles match, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5). Spear was particularly impressed by their performance. "They played well together. Kyle showed a really good backhand and forehand. Bill played well at the net. The way they stormed back in the third set shows they refuse to give up," said Spear.

Agawam's T.J. Gontczaruk and Jeff Machia lost in second doubles, 6-2, 6-3. This was Machia's varsity debut. The match was highlighted by long rallies and some good, point blank action at the net.

"Of course, I would have liked to win. But the kids showed me a great deal of effort. A point or a lucky break in the first singles match and we'd have come out on top. I think our showing against Holyoke will send a message that no one should take us lightly this year," Spear commented after it was over.

## Brownie Girls Give EL Rude Debut To 1996 Season (10-3)

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Before Monday's game against visiting Agawam High, East Longmeadow girls' softball Coach Keith Brownlee could hardly contain himself.

"We've had our first three games postponed this season because of the weather. We've been in the gym too long. Today will be our first game competition of the year. My kids are chomping at the bit," he laughed.

Well, his team might have been chomping at the bit, but they were the ones who really got chomped, 10-3 at the hands of the defending Western Mass. champions and state finalists (2-0 at presstime).

The first inning, however, didn't give an accurate indication of how the game would eventually turn out. Agawam lead-off hitter Kristen Patterson set the table with a walk and a steal of second. Erica Pratt also drew a free pass. Before you could say "chomping at the bit," Agawam had two dangerous runners on with no outs and a dangerous hitter at the plate - catcher Courtne Hyland.

Hyland (2-4, including a double, 2 RBI's) belted a gap double into left-center, scoring Patterson. Pratt stopped at third. Melissa Troie got on after a Jen O'Neil (1-3, a double, 2 RBI's, a steal of third) pop-out to short that was deep enough to score Pratt.

### Locals Up By Three

With two outs, second baseman Becky Wing walked. Amy Mastroianni hit a ball that handcuff-

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The museum will be organized to educate visitors, especially children, in how to prevent dental problems and the need to obtain professional care early. Its exhibits will include the oldest known dental tools used in this country and other devices employed through the years and will feature today's advances in instruments, materials, and techniques.

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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

This last snowstorm is guaranteed to be THE LAST! Now that sportsmen's thoughts turn to spring pursuits, it's time to wet a line if you have not already done so. In Massachusetts, the first major allotment of stocked trout are out. Most Valley lakes, ponds, and streams have been stocked.

In addition to the usual stocking by the division, Five Mile Pond in Springfield has received a bonus. Atlantic Salmon broodstock that have performed their important duties, have been stocked into Five Mile Pond. Because Atlantic Salmon are protected, the division has classified these fish as Landlocked Salmon. The daily limit for these broodstock salmon is two fish with a 15-inch minimum.

Anglers are having success trolling small Rapalla lures on light mono line. Other assorted favorites such as Mooselocks, Rooster Tails, and Mepps should account for some nice trophies.

Bass fishermen are already taking some nice fish from area ponds. Congamond lakes, Hampton ponds, and the Connecticut River are all producing. Early spring bassing can yield some jumbo-sized bass.

Local lure manufacturer and television fishing show host Al Gag, has scored a major breakthrough with his new K.B. Special. This is a springtime lunker hunter's bonanza bait. It is a suspending jerk bait that is just the right size and with just the right enticing action. I had a chance to field test the prototypes last year, and they are a favorite part of my fishing arsenal. By this time, these lures should be on the shelves of better tackle shops everywhere.

Another Al Gag introduction last year was the miniature-sized version of the Mambo Minnow. This is a three-inch version of its jumbo-sized, salt water big brother. It was an absolute killer in the Connecticut River for both largemouth and smallmouth bass, and may give a certain Scandinavian lure company some real competition.

Most often in springtime, the largest bass will be females that are loaded with roe. This is the time of year that you should be equipped with a camera, tape measure, and a catch and release attitude. Most of the serious bass fishermen practice strict catch and release ethics, but there is nothing wrong with keeping a few for the table.

Springtime may be the exception to that, however. Many states do not open the bass season until mid-June. This allows the bass an opportunity to spawn and guard the nests against predators. Massachusetts and Connecticut do

not have such restrictions. Therefore, it is up to the United States to protect this resource while we are enjoying its use.

Connecticut opens its fishing season on Saturday, April 19th, this year at 6:00 a.m. The daily limit on trout and salmon is five in aggregate. Just a word of warning! Each year throughout the state and in various locations, the wardens have caught anglers fishing before the 6:00 a.m. start. The offending anglers have been fined and faced loss of their equipment in addition to the scorn of other anglers.

Further news from Connecticut, is that changes have been made to several regulations.

\* The daily creel limit for striped bass has increased from one to two.

\* The minimum size limit on striped bass has been reduced from 34 inches to 28 inches.

\* Tautog (blackfish) have had the minimum size limit raised from 12 inches to 14 inches.

\* Winter flounder minimum size has increased from 11 inches to 12 inches.

The State of Connecticut Dept. of Public Health issued a press release on March 21, 1996. The release dealt with a fish consumption advisory for mercury levels in freshwater fish.

The advisory recommends that people in the high risk category (pregnant women, women planning pregnancy within the next year, and children under age six) should limit consumption of most species of freshwater fish caught in the state to one meal per month. The following exceptions were outlined.

\* Trout can be safely eaten without consumption limits. High-risk group members should limit themselves to moderate consumption of larger trout less than 15 inches.

Further information can be obtained from Susan Raff at (203) 509-7270.

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Sportsman Clubs are encouraged to send in club news well in advance, and successful hunters and fishermen should send us non-returnable photos of their adventures.

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## GIRLS' SOFTBALL - from Page 39...

ed the Spartan shortstop, scoring Troie. Just like that, Agawam went up by three with East Longmeadow due at the plate.

The Spartans were facing Brownie ace Laura Rapa (7 IP, 4 hits, 10 K's, 3 walks, 3 runs, 1 earned). She struck out the lead-off batter. Then a single, an error, and a walk loaded up the bases. A walk brought in a run. A Spartan steal of home saw another run cross the plate. A passed ball accounted for the final East Longmeadow run of the inning. They went into the second, 4-3.

The Brownies scored another run in their half of the inning. After Patterson (1-3, 2 runs scored, 3 stolen bases) reached on an error and got picked off first, Pratt (1-1, 4 runs scored, 3 steals) walked and swiped second. Hyland lined a single off the third baseman's mitt. Pratt stopped at third. O'Neil lofted a sacrifice fly to left. Pratt tagged and came home.

The Spartans came up dry in the bottom half of the second as they would for the rest of the game. Part of it had to do with the fact that Rapa was getting stronger, not just physically, but mentally as well. "I made it a point to finish strong," she would say later.

Agawam scored two more in the fourth. Patterson came home after an infield hit, a steal of second and third. She took advantage of a Spartan throwing error at the hot corner on the steal to record Agawam's fifth run of the game. Pratt walked for the third straight time, stole second and third, and stroled home courtesy of Troie's single.

### Agawam's Final Three In The Sixth

Agawam's final three runs came in the sixth. Stephanie Fleming (1-4, 1 run scored) singled sharply down the third base line. Patterson grounded out to third. While EL was busy with that play, Fleming went all the way to third. O'Neil doubled, delivering Pratt. O'Neil then stole third and came home on a Troie fly to left that got butchered.

After it was over, Agawam girls' softball Coach Debbie Lickley commented on their running game, which produced seven steals out of eight attempts. Three of those steals were of the third base variety.

"Running is a major part of our offense, because we're not hitting that well right now."

She also noted that Laura needs a bit more work to be as tough at the get-go as she was at the end of the game.

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## Agawam Soccer Rowdies & Cobras Raising Funds For Canada Trips

Members of the Rowdies and Cobras, two of Agawam's girls' Pioneer Valley soccer teams, will be traveling to Canada to compete in an International Soccer Tournament just outside Montreal.

The Rowdies will play in the Under 14 age division, and Cobras will be competing in the Under 10 division. Both teams are coached by Denny Marr and were Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League champs in the fall of 1995.

The girls have held many fundraisers this spring. The girls will be fundraising on Saturday, April 20th, outside of Stop & Shop and the Feeding Hills Dunkin' Donuts.

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## DiStefano's 4 First Place Finishes Help AHS Girls' Track Blaze Out Of Blocks

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High School girls' track team opened its 1996 season last Friday. There are rumors going around that this year's club just might have their sights set on a Western Mass. championship. They certainly looked in top form in their 98-38 win over visiting Longmeadow.

Perhaps the Brownie who showed the finest form was junior Danielle DiStefano. She grabbed victories in four events: the long jump, where she launched a leap of 15 feet, three inches; the triple jump saw her span 31 feet, eight inches; and the 100 and 200 meter dashes, where she posted times of 13.4 and 28.5 respectively.

"It's been 10 years since anyone has done that on this team," girls' track Coach Dean Vecchiarelli smiled. Vec admitted that none of DiStefano's numbers that day were personal bests or AHS records, but her singular showing gave the Brownies 20 important points.

### Locals Win 13 Of 16 Events

There were 16 events run in the meet. Agawam won 13 of them. Besides DiStefano's performance, Vec liked what he saw from some of the other kids.

He singled out freshman Barbara Maloni, who won the high hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles. The 300 showed why Maloni, a basketball star in the winter, is destined in the minds of many, barring injury, to become one of the best Brownie

athletes to come down the pike in a long time.

She roared out of the blocks and was 20 yards ahead of the field when she reached the first hurdle. She won it going away. And the look of complete determination on her face as she bore down on the finish line showed the competitive fire that burns inside her.

Sue DeFilipi also impressed. She took the high jump with a 4'9" effort. "She can go much higher," Vec noted. "But she didn't really have to do it, because she had the event locked up with that jump."

DeFilipi was also a member of the winning 4x100 meter relay team. And she finished close behind Maloni in the 300 hurdles.

The Brownie faithful in attendance had nothing but respect for DeFilipi. The senior is still recovering from a lower back injury involving a cracked vertebrae. It kept her from competing in soccer last fall. According to her father, Joe, it is still bothering her. But she refuses to let it interfere with her performance on the field.

Senior Jaime Thomas won the shot put (29'-13 1/4") and the discus (99'-10"). That discus distance was her personal best. But Vec noted, "Before the season is over, she'll break 100 feet."

There were no events in this particular meet which were tightly contested. "Longmeadow is young. They have some good distance people. But

we were much stronger in the field events," Vec admitted.

### Encouraged By Rookies

While not many freshmen other than Maloni won anything in the meet, the coach was encouraged by their rookie season efforts. "We knew, from experience, what the upper class students could do," Vec said. So he saw few surprises there.

Vec finally got a look at his new team in competition and it confirmed what he'd been saying all along. "We're sprinters and weight people. We need work in the distance events. A good cross-country program would certainly help us." Currently, AHS does not have a cross-country team.

Once again, Vec stressed the fact that the number of kids he has on the team this year (63 showed up at training camp) has helped. "Only six athletes can compete in an event. We have eight or more kids vying for starting spots in most of them. It's a situation that can only make us more competitive."

Because of their performances last Friday, DiStefano, Thomas, and DeFilipi have qualified for the Western Mass. meet at the end of the season.

They were scheduled to host Amherst Tuesday, but the weather drowned out that meet. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

## Agawam 5/6 Grade Has Strong Showing At Bishop's Tourney

In the first-round game, Agawam defeated Our Lady of Hope from Springfield. Bill Menard and Joey Clark had big games for the team, which outscored OLOH by a 45-37 margin.

The second round met a strong Our Lady of Sacred Heart team. Our boys won this game handily by a 51-27 score. This was accomplished by a fierce rebounding and defensive effort led by Bill Menard, Brian Michiels, and Dave Bienna.

The championship game pitted Agawam against Holy Name and was played at STCC on March 30th. Holy Name went up quickly, but Agawam stayed in the game by slick outside shooting by Mike Carmony and aggressive defense by Agawam's bench.

Down by 16 points at the half, Agawam came out showing they were not ready to throw the towel in just yet. Big hoops and rebounds by Bill Menard and Robbie Cullen kept it going early in the second half.

Key steals by Dave Bienna and Ryan Lottermoser, along with outstanding hustle by Matt Shea, got Agawam within two points with a minute and 10 seconds to go. Great free-throw shooting by Holy Name iced the game at crunch time.

Billy Menard won the MVP for Agawam, averaging 18 points and 10 rebounds throughout the tournament.

Agawam coaches Bob Lottermoser and Dan Dalton would like to express their appreciation to the boys and their families for their commitment throughout the year.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM 5TH/6TH grade boys' basketball team recently competed in the Bishop's Tournament. Team coaches are Bob Lottermoser (back, right in photo) and Dan Dalton.

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## Tri-Parish Bowlers Heading For Wire In Bowling Season

St. Michael's (22 wins) continues to lead the third round of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl on Walnut Street Extension.

In matches on Monday evening, April 15th, St. Mike's faced third place Boston College (19 wins) and it was an even split. St. Mike's winners were second roller JEAN BUONICONTI (297, 95.2 in Women's AA) and Captain JERRY ALLEN, the league's strongman (328, 116.5 in the Open Class). Jerry stopped BC Captain "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (300, 103.67 in Men's AA). "Jungle" Jim desperately wanted to defeat the top gun but alas, fell short.

The two BC winners were leadoff DAVE ALDRICH (314, 88.29 in Men's C) and third roller LARRY FORTIER (311, 96.27 in Men's A).

Second place Fordham (20 wins) had a wild match vs. sixth place Notre Dame (17 wins). Fordham had two winners - leadoff LINDA TOBEY (241, 78.14 in Women's C) and Captain "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER. The "Jollie" one fired a nifty 357 in defeating the league's top women's roller, FLO ROCHFORD (341, 107.43). Flo is attempting to fight off the pressure of famous women's roller DEBBIE POIRIER, who is now at 106.50. "Jollie" Ollie is at 112.45 in the Open Class.

The two ND winners were second roller "Wild" BILLY ALDRICH (288-284 over CORI NAPOLITAN) and third roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (328-313 over TERRY CERPOVICZ; "Don't Sit On" is at 99.9 in Men's A).

In the next match, seventh place St. Anselm's (14 wins) faced fourth place Catholic University (18½ wins). This was a pretty close match. CU winners were second roller MARY THOMAS (312, 99.25 in Women's A) and third roller TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (315-311 over YVONNE CHARTIER; "Not Tony" is at 103.41 in Men's AA).

St. A's winners were leadoff LOU NAPOLITAN (302, 84.48 in Men's C) and Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDER (110.48 in Open Class), a 337-319 victor over BILLY-BOY GRIFFIN (102.35 in Men's A).

Next on the lanes was St. Mary's (17 wins/5th place) vs. ninth place St. Louis (11 wins). St. Mary's had a good night with three winners: leadoff RITA SCOTT (268, 85.5 in Women's C), VENETTA SNYDER (312, 90.42 in Women's A), and FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (301, 97.49 in Men's A). The only St. Lou winner was Captain GLEN ADAMS, a 316-285 winner over JOHN LONCRINI. Glen rolls at 109.68 in Men's AA.

Eighth place Holy Cross (12.5 wins) was the bye team this week. The scores are as follows: MARSHA DOBIE (258), JOHN MLINEK (262), SUE GRIFIN (255), and Captain DEBBIE POIRIER (312).

**Our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We open at 6:30 a.m. Thanks.**

## Polish Club 8-10 Playoff Champs



**TEAM MEMBERS OF THE POLISH CLUB KNIGHTS**, playoff champs of the Agawam Athletic Association's boys' 8-10 hoop league. Back row, from left - Coaches Dave Pickett and Fred Perry. Middle row - Michael Pickett, Michael DeFilippi, Justin Perry, and Shane Sufritti. Front row - Kyle Perry, Patrick Desmond, Kevin Malloch, Kevin Olbrych, Danny Mason, and Alex Seymour.



### Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by  
**Jim Modzelesky,**  
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### Some Thoughts On Etiquette While Playing The Game

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marks. If you went to a tour event and studied the 18th green after the last group of the day had putted out, I would defy you to find a ball mark. And the same goes for divots. Restoring the turf to a playable condition is a simple matter of courtesy among good players.

Now, think about how many times you've played on greens scarred by unrepaired ball marks. Surprisingly, it's not always because people are lazy. More often than not, they just haven't been taught the finer points of the game. Maybe all new players should be required to pass an etiquette quiz before they're allowed on the golf course.

One major problem such a test might help correct is slow play. There's simply no excuse for a round that takes more than four hours, or for players tying up the course because they fail to let faster groups play through when there's a hole open ahead of them.

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## Daggett Gymnastics Have Great Showing At Boys' State Meet

The Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Boys' Team competed at the Massachusetts USA Gymnastics State Championships March 30 & 31, 1996 at Sterling Gymnastics Academy in Sterling.

Eight members competed in the Class VI meet. Corey Arbalaez of Chicopee, Darren Parzych, Mark Parzych, and Brett Ringle all of Springfield, competed in the 7-9 age group. Drew Ignoto of Southwick and Alex Smith of Suffield, CT were in the 10-11 age group. Competing in the 12-13 age group were Jeff Krok of Westfield and Daniel Messier of Feeding Hills.

The top 18 in the All-Around qualify for regionals in the 7-9 (61 competitors) and 10-11 (33 competitors) age groups. Mark Parzych was third in the All-Around with a score of 32.1. He was the still rings State Champion with a score of 5.8, second on parallel bars (5.4), third on high bar (5.6), sixth on floor (5.3), and ninth on pommel horse with a score of 5.2.

Brett Ringle was eighth in the All-Around with a score of 30.8. He was the floor State Champion with a score of 5.6, and sixth on high bar with a score of 5.3. Darren Parzych was 16th in the All-Around with a score of 29.8. Darren was fifth on both high bar (5.4) and rings (5.6) and ninth on floor with a score of 5.3. Corey Arbalaez was 17th in the All-Around with a score of 29.8. Corey was second on floor (5.6) and fourth on parallel bars with a score of 5.2.

In the 10-11 age group, Drew Ignoto was eighth in the All-Around with a score of 30.9. Drew was second on pommel horse (5.6), sixth on floor (5.3), and eighth on both high bar (5.2) and parallel bars (5.1). Alex Smith was 15th in the All-Around with a score of 29.65. Alex was seventh on vault (5.55) and 10th on floor with a score of 5.2.

Jeff Krok was third in the All-Around in the 12-13 age group with a score of 30.5. Jeff was the State Champion on rings with a score of 5.5. He was second on floor (5.2) and third on high bar with a score of 5.4. Daniel Messier was second on vault (5.2) and third on floor (5.0) with an All-Around score of 29.7.

Steven Gaudette of West Springfield was the team's only competitor in Class IV and Steve was the All-Around State Champion in the 10-11 age group with a score of 40.7. Gaudette was State Champion on four of the six events placing first on vault (7.5), floor (7.4), high bar (6.6), and pommel horse (6.7). He was also a third on parallel bars with a score of 6.4.

The three members competing in Class III came away with the State Team Championship with a



**MEMBERS OF THE TIM DAGGETT GOLD MEDAL Gymnastics Team with their Coaches Kurt Sulkala (left) and Igor Vernyi (right). IN PHOTO RIGHT, are members of the All-Around State Champions - Pat McFarlin, Matt Perry, John Scymczyk, Coach Tim Daggett, and Steven Gaudette.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



score of 131.35 as well as two individual All-Around State Champions. Mathieu Perry of Feeding Hills was the Class III, 14-15 age group State Champion with a score of 40.0. Perry was State Champion on five of the six events placing first on high bar (7.8), rings (7.3), vault (7.3), floor (6.3), and parallel bars (6.3).

He was also third on pommel horse with a score of 5.0. Patrick McFarlin of Longmeadow was the other Class III All-Around Champion in the 12-13 age group with a score of 46.25. Jamey House of Longmeadow placed second in the All-Around with a score of 45.1. McFarlin was State Champion on floor (7.9), parallel bars (7.8), and pommel horse (7.7). He was second on high bars (8.1), vault (7.55), and rings (7.2). Houle was the State Champion on high bar (8.2), vault (7.6), and rings (7.4). He

placed second on floor (7.5), pommel horse (7.3), and parallel bars (7.1).

The four members of the team competing in 14-15 Junior Elite Class II won the State Team Championship with a score of 154.5, more than 25 points higher than the second place team. John Scymczyk of Feeding Hills was the All-Around Champion with a score of 53.2. Darren Morace of Westfield was second in the All-Around with a score of 51.65. Placing third was Ali Eslami of Manchester, CT with a score of 49.3. David LeClair of Wallingford, CT was fifth in the All-Around with a score of 44.45.

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Szymczyk was State Champion on four of the events, floor (9.2), parallel bars (9.0), high bar (9.0), and rings (8.8). He was second on vault (9.2) and pommel horse (8.0). Morace was the State Champion on vault with a score of 9.25. He placed second on floor (9.0), rings (8.6), and parallel bars (8.3), and third on high bar (8.7) and pommel horse with a score of 7.8.

Eslami was the State Champion on pommel horse with a score of 8.5. He placed second on high bar (8.8), fourth on rings (8.0) and parallel bars (7.5), fifth on floor (8.0), and sixth on vault with a score of 8.5. LeClair placed third on vault (8.85), fifth on rings (7.9) and high bar (7.5), and

sixth on floor (7.3) and parallel bars (7.4).

Andrew Leis of Suffield, CT competed in the 16-18 Junior Elite, Class I, placing fourth in the All-Around with a score of 49.65. Leis was the State Champion on vault with a score of 8.65, and high bar with a score of 8.4. He was third on pommel horse (8.2), fourth on rings (8.4), and sixth on parallel bars (8.0).

The next meet for most of the team members is the regionals taking place April 20 and 21, 1996 at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Seven of the boys are hoping to qualify to the Junior Olympic Nationals to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 10-12, 1996. The boys are coached by Tim Daggett, Igor Vernyi, and Kurt Sulkala.

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The pit area for the NASCAR Winston Racing Series event on Saturday, April 13th, was bulging with competitive race cars in all four divisions. After a full afternoon of practice, the skies just opened up for the second week in a row.

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The NASCAR tour-type Modifieds will again run time trials and two consolation events. The Pro Stocks will run three heat races and a consi; a 40-lap feature will be run.

As for the Late Model division, heats were already run, and a consi will be added to include extra cars for the 25-lap Late Model feature. A brand new program will be added for the Strictly Stock class; this means new heats and consolation events with a 20-lap feature in the Strictly Stock class.

The pit fee for NASCAR members is just \$18. Rain check pit passes from April 6th and April 13th will be honored with a pit pass with armband only.

Anyone with rain checks that cannot attend the April 20th event may send the complete rain check ticket to Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn.: Ben Dodge, Jr.), to receive a new ticket good for any Saturday event of equal value. This is only done by mail before Saturday, April 20th.

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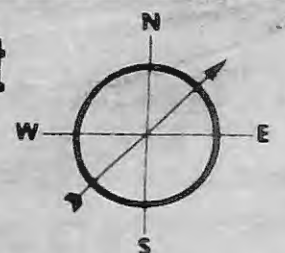
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